Minutes from Deacon Meeting – Approved

October 19, 2021

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|  | **Attend** | **Deacon** | **Attend** |
| Anderson, Larry | P | Langford, Wes | P |
| Cooper, Barry | P | Lorenzetti, Jim | P |
| Failing, Debbie | P | Lynn, Marion | P |
| Fry, Diane | P | Stegeman, Rob | A |
| Lancaster, Mary | P | Pastor Cable, Ritchey | P |
|  |  | Vande Polder, Don | P |

* Opening Prayer at 6:20 by Don Vandepolder.
* Quorum is established.
* The September minutes are approved with correction requested by Mary.
  + Moved by Larry Anderson and seconded by Barry Cooper.
* **Pastor’s Report:**

Our New Members class is the largest we have had. There are 27 persons attending.

We are to have the budget for our areas into the responsible persons by the 14th. You should have been contacted by that individual. If not, let Pastor Cable know.

We had a strong first week of the Stewardship campaign. It has been a challenging year to balance the budget. We have 2 ½ months for this year’s giving to help.

There has been turnover thru the pandemic. Talking thru the people lost these last 2 years, the reasons and the results. Many are watching virtually, not yet able to return in person.

Elders are reaching out to the Mercy team when needed.

It was suggested that the Mercy team may want to meet with the new members class before it is completed.

The nominating team will be getting together to work on this years nominations that were submitted.

* **Team Reports**:

1. **Coordinating/Session**: Don Vande Polder reported.

**COVID**- Mask wearing is again an issue. Extended thru 11/4/21. Some are wearing them and some are not.

**Continue to Work on data storage issue**.

1. **Finance**:

Larry Anderson said Phil has sent team minutes. We have seen an improvement in the negative loss, it has gone down, it is still behind approximately $39,000.

Jim stated that the Pledges are ahead but the non-pledge expectation is behind.

Pray that the Stewardship gets a better response.

1. **Helps**:

Diane reported for the team.

* Our short presentation to the new members class appeared to be successful. We do hope to garner some interest from it.

1. **Mercy**:

Marion reported:

* + - The team discussed Mercy fund requests.
    - May need more people to add to the team. Men especially for visitations to homebound individuals.

1. **Property**:

Barry Cooper reported.

* + Mitigation of water in the lower level still being worked on along with discussion of future needs to secure completion.
  + Documentation discussion regarding Procedures and Policy. Given to Michael. Also policy around the security cameras is being reviewed.
  + Tree was planted in memory of Dr Don Kuenzi.
  + Reports of mice in the upstairs kitchen and ants in the downstairs kitchen. This is being attended to.
  + Ice machine is being cleaned. Suggested we make good use of the ice to keep it fresh.
  + Dale is still waiting on communication from the city on the drainage issue.
  + They will clean out the courtyard in the lower level now that no objections received.
  + Groundhog mitigation is finished around the Amos house.
  + We still need to find a ways to clean and paint the railings. Getting recommendations.

Old Business:

New Business:

Discussion Thru Chapter 1 of our new suggested book, Ministries of Mercy.

WOW Report /Prayer Requests:

* Barry’s WOW this week was that the young man he has been talking with is back in church and searching. Praise God.
* Barry also had a Prayer request for his son as he makes a decision about a potential bride.
* Wes had a prayer request that an opportunity for transportation presents itself.
* Jim had a praise for the new members class. A positive step.

Closing Prayer: Barry Cooper

Meeting adjourned at 7:31

Next In Person/Zoom meeting: November 16, 2021 @ 6:15 p.m

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Moderator - Wes Langford

Clerk - Debbie Failing