Minutes from Deacon Meeting – Approved

December 21, 2021

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| **Deacon** | **Attend** | **Deacon** | **Attend** |
| Anderson, Larry | P | Langford, Wes | A |
| 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 6:18 by Barry Cooper.
* Quorum is established.
* The November minutes are approved.
  + Moved by Larry Anderson and seconded by Mary Lancaster.

Mary Lancaster is acting as the mediator tonight in Wes’ absence. The opening discussion was on this past Sunday’s sermon, perishable vs imperishable (biblical truth) traditions.

Some shared either one item or both for the group. Some Perishable traditions were having a certain food for dinner, chili or sloppy joe sandwiches or Barry doing a ‘Santa Run’ after presents opened. These of which have a shelf life before someone wants to change them.

Some Imperishable traditions were Pastor Ritchey and Barry read the Christmas story and Mary placing baby Jesus in the manger on Christmas morning and Josiah singing Christmas carols. All are thankful to carry on these imperishable traditions to future generations to share the good news.

* **Pastor’s Report:**

Pastor Cable thanked the team outgoing members for their service to the group. Rob Stegeman, Jim Lorenzetti and Marion Lynn will cycle off when the two new deacons are installed. We welcomed Josiah Colle and Steve Moberg to the group.

Jennifer has given her notice with her last day 12/23. Pastor Cable said she commented that she enjoyed coming to work. The staff hated to see her go but understood her reasons.

Pastor Cable asked that we think over what team/teams we would like to join in 2022.

**Ministries of Mercy discussion: Thru Chapter 2**

Postponed until January meeting. He ordered books for the new members.

**Team Reports**:

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

Not meeting in December

* + Doing staff evaluations
  + Investigating issues with the mail/mailboxes
  + Entertaining changing the day the group meets

1. **Finance**:

Larry and Jim reported. Phil has sent team minutes. We have seen a significant improvement in the giving. The deficit stands at this point about $19,000 and that Phil expects we may be in the black by year end. The pledges are ahead and the non-pledges are behind.

Stewardship campaign still has a few to resolve. Thanks to those who called.

1. **Helps**:

Diane reported for the team.

* We got together and assembled thank you bags for our many volunteers. These were given out with our thanks this past week.
* Please pray for wisdom for the upcoming year and the challenges we may face.

1. **Mercy**:

Marion reported:

Team did not meet in November.

* + - The team continues to meet the needs as they come to them.

Men especially needed for visitations to homebound individuals. We have however had some shut-ins pass away. Kudos to Kay and Robin for continuing to write to shut-ins.

1. **Property**:

Barry Cooper reported.

Rob, Rod and Jim are rolling off the team this month.

* + Working on prioritizing the items that need to be completed in 2022.
    - Restore or repair the stain glass windows
    - Landscaping
    - Fixing up Amos House
    - Courtyard railings
    - Replace toilets in the lower level
    - Security cameras
    - Replace chairs in the ministry center, second service

We are discussing locking the kitchens. There have been complaints of not keeping them clean and neat.

Old Business:

Read Chapter 2 for our book, Ministries of Mercy. We are postponing to January.

New Business:

WOW Report /Prayer Requests:

* Pastor Cable says his father is home and will see cardiologist in January. He asks that we pray for his dad’s health and healing.
* Don thanked those that came out to carol. It was a small group but they got to pray for people along the night which was wonderful.
* Pray that the right person is found to replace Jennifer.

Closing Prayer: Marion

Meeting adjourned at 7:16

Next In Person/Zoom meeting: January 18 , 2021 @ 6:15 p.m

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Moderator - Mary Lancaster

Clerk - Debbie Failing