Minutes from Deacon Meeting – Approved

April 19, 2021

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| **Deacon** | **Attend** | **Deacon** | **Attend** |
| Anderson, Larry | P | Langford, Wes | P |
| Cooper, Barry | V | Colle, Josiah | A |
| Failing, Debbie | P | Moberg, Steve | P |
| Fry, Diane | V |  |  |
| Lancaster, Mary | A | Pastor Cable, Ritchey | P |
|  |  | Vande Polder, Don | P |

* Opening Prayer at 6:18 by Steve Moberg.
* Quorum (5) is established.
* The March minutes are approved with corrections as reported by Larry (for Barry Cooper being the new vice moderator).
  + Moved by Don VandePolder and seconded by Larry Anderson.

**Pastor’s Report:**

* Thank you to the Helps team for help with the three Easter services. 8:30 was the biggest of the three.
* Working on plans for the summer with Michael on sabbatical. This Sunday Michael will preach.
* Kathy is working out well and will be thru the summer.
* Diane stated that Pastor Cable can call on us, the deacons, if he needs help with anything.

**Ministries of Mercy discussion: Chapter 5 – Church and World, A Balanced Focus**

Mercy and handling the physical items of the church is a role assigned to deacons in Acts. Everyone however is called to Mercy.

Discussion:

1. Identify the 3 social units that have a responsibility to the needy.

Family, Church and State

God set it up this way. Family is first to take care of your own. Then the church is secondary when family breaks down. The church shows the character of God; very caring. The vulnerable had God’s heart (orphans and widows being taken care of - biblical) Then with state providing assistance.

1. What 3 biblical principles generally imply that aid to nonbelievers is necessary?

* Love your neighbor as yourself
* The Good Samaritan story
* Love your Enemies

1. How did Christ offer mercy to unbelievers while he was on the earth (other than giving salvation)?

* He healed them
* He fed them
* He spoke to them – giving his time to them
* Parables
* The feeding of the 4,000/5,000, they didn’t understand or know what had happened – the miracle he created

1. How does the ministry of mercy reflect the kingdom of God coming on Judgment Day?

Barry stated that it points forward to the new kingdom/new earth.

1. Why is the use of a Samaritan an extreme of a neighbor? Who is a ‘Samaritan in your life?

* The Samaritan was a hated person in those days.
* Racial, political, generational, family divisions.

1. Is there anything preventing you from praying for God to use you in a mercy ministry?

* Fear of the unknown
* Worry about what we would lose instead of what we would gain
* Our own biases over the answers.

**Team Reports**:

1. **Coordinating/Session**: Don Vande Polder reported.
   * Ellie attended the last meeting. A release form for sharing pictures etc on the instagram account was discussed along with a social media policy. A template for confidentiality form is being developed
   * The IT Team is being headed up now by Chris Stackpole.
2. **Finance**: Larry reported.

1st meeting of the year was 3/23/22.

The current report for March shows that we are currently behind the budgeted amount by between $20,000 to $24,000. The concern is with general offering being down the lowest in 3 yrs. Expenses were under budget.

1. **Helps**:

Diane reported for the team.

* The Chair team is still hurting for volunteers for second service. Especially with summer approaching. On some Sundays only one person is setting up chairs for second service.

The team will send an email to Ellie for announcements.

1. **Mercy**:

Last met in February. They will meet next Thursday.

* + - They plan to have a Link announcement on how to serve.

1. **Property**:

Barry reported for the team

* The Capital Campaign is coming together. A video is being done.

Pledge cards are being created.

They plan to have a meeting on Sunday at 4:00

* Focusing on 5 main items:
  1. Landscaping around the church. They are reaching out to scouts who may be working on badges or toward their Eagle Scout.
  2. Amos House garage.

The garage has been cleaned and looks much better now. Shelving and painting have been done by the youth.

Sincere **Thank you** was offered and will be passed along to the team.

* 1. Railings

John has been experimenting and testing removing the paint. The team has been getting quotes for this work.

* 1. Restoring/Repairing stain glass windows.

Dale has found a contractor to get quotes.

* 1. Carpet in downstairs classrooms.

Rachael and Sarah have proposed putting carpet in some of the classrooms now that the water damage is repaired and is holding.

* There was water in the choir room. The team moved soil around to offset that in the future.
* Sound booth project.

Core drilling has been done.

* A bench was donated and we are looking for the right place to install it.

Old Business:

New Business:

1. Next meeting - Discuss Chapter 6 from our book, Ministries of Mercy.

WOW Report /Prayer Requests:

* Barry’s WOW - The young man he is mentoring, who had fallen away from church, is back in the Church now. It appears that he may have found what he was looking for. (Praise God for that.)
* Pastor Cable’s WOW. A couple that he will be marrying soon have been seeking & growing in God. He can see that the Lord is working in them. (This is an awesome thing to witness).
* Wes’s WOW – A Co-Worker’s mother wanted to watch our Easter Sunday service online. He hopes that will continue and suggested they come in person.
* Barry’s youngest son is getting married by Caleb on May 7th to Rosie. Prayers for a wonderful happy union.

Closing Prayer: Don VandePolder

Meeting adjourned at 7:30

Next In Person/Zoom meeting: May 17th, 2021 @ 6:15 p.m

Moderator - Wes Langford

Vice Moderator – Barry Cooper

Clerk - Debbie Failing