Minutes from Deacon Meeting – UnApproved

May 17, 2022

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

* Quorum (5) is established.
* Opening Prayer at 6:18 by Larry Anderson.
* The April minutes are approved with corrections as reported by Larry and Diane.
  + Moved by Larry Anderson and seconded by Steve Moberg.

Old Business:

**Ministries of Mercy discussion: Chapter 6 – Conditional and Unconditional, A Balanced Judgement**

Discussion:

1. Describe the biblical basis for giving mercy initially without Condition?

* Do good to the wicked and expect nothing in return
* God’s mercy to us
* Good Samaritan
* It is mercy not reward

1. What is the biblical basis for changing unconditional mercy? What are your feelings about conditional mercy?

* In several Scriptures it teaches all people must work, Paul says in 2 Thess. 3:10 “If a man will not work, he shall not eat”.
* Care for one’s own family
* Goal is to bring closer to Christ – restoration

1. What is the overriding goal of mercy?

First, the goal is to give assistance to anyone in need. Then to counsel them, educate them and restore them to self-sufficiency and to the gospel.

1. What guidelines can we us to set conditions for mercy? Explain.

Let Mercy limit mercy.

-- Look what was done for them and with no thanks in return

Cut off aid if it is unmerciful to continue – don’t continue to support irresponsible behavior. Change to prayer and emotional support.

1. What are the 3 causes of poverty, as written in the bible?
2. Injustice/oppression - unfairly treated
3. Natural Disaster or injury
4. Personal sin – lazy, no self-discipline - causing economical issues
5. Give an example of giving mercy that could encourage rebellion against God.

* What will they do with money you give them, will they spend it on sinful things

Give an example of giving mercy that could encourage faith in God.

* Random acts of kindness.
* Homeless ministries to get them back on the right track
* Acknowledge them as a person says a lot
* Get into their lives and help bring them along

**Pastor’s Report:**

* Working on plans that focus on getting set up for the summer without Michael. Glad Michael is getting this opportunity to get rest and recharge.
* 1 Sunday each month will have an invited speaker. Caleb will preach on June 5th.

**Coordinating/Session**: Don Vande Polder reporting.

* Working on personnel matters. Kathy is working throughout the summer while we look for a permanent replacement.

**Team Reports**

1. **Finance**: Larry Anderson reporting.

The committee met for the 1st time this year on 3/23/22.

As reported by Phil Josephson, offerings remain down from the budget amount.

1. **Helps**:

Diane reporting.

* Diane thanked Pastor Cable for his attention to the chairs issue with his announcements and for the addition in the weekly bulletin.
* Our team spends time in prayer for next steps to use our team and to enlighten us on how we can motivate more people to volunteer and get involved.

1. **Mercy**: Mary reporting.

* Their emphasis last month was to regroup from the past two months of unexpected losses.
* Reworking walk-in bags
* Making sure all shut-ins are visited. And also that they are receiving communion.
* Helpnet is functioning with John Russell heading up the efforts.
* Operation 180 may start up again with the help of Josiah.

1. **Property**:

Barry reporting.

* Focus remains on the 5 Key items:

Landscaping, Amos House, Railings, Stain Glass windows and downstairs carpeting.

Some of the projects have been taken up by scouts as Eagle projects.

* For Restoring/Repairing stain glass windows, it was brought up that after repairs, a way to preserve these windows is to add a clear paned window on the outside.
* With the higher costs, we are currently over budget on utilities (gas) and will look for ways to cut back where possible.
* The sound booth project should be wrapped up soon. We are getting ready to install the booth.
* The donated bench has been put in place. Another individual has asked to donate a second bench.
* On the Capital Campaign, it is coming together. Bill Pierce made the announcement on Sunday. Information mailings will go out soon.

They plan to have 3 meetings, 1 Zoom and 2 in person.

A webpage with all the information is being setup.

New Business:

1. Next meeting - Discuss Chapter 7 from our book, Ministries of Mercy.

WOW Report /Prayer Requests:

* Barry’s WOW – Our son Wyatt and Rosie were married May 7th and as part of their ceremony they ask to sit down and pray together. This was a testament to their faith and a warm WOW moment for their parents.
* Wes’s WOW – As a traffic coordinator, I have the opportunity to talk to lots of different people. This week I had the opportunity to encourage a driver who was looking for a place to live and let him know I would be praying for him.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Cable

Meeting adjourned at 7:28

Next In Person/Zoom meeting: June 21, 2021 @ 6:15 p.m

Moderator - Wes Langford

Vice Moderator – Barry Cooper

Clerk - Debbie Failing