Minutes from Deacon Meeting –Approved

March 14, 2023

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| **Deacon** | **Attend** | **Deacon** | **Attend** |
| Anderson, Larry | P | Moberg, Steve | P |
| Colle, Josiah | P | Phelan, Steve | P |
| Cooper, Barry | A | Scheneman, Dan | P |
| Failing, Debbie | P | Smith, Dave | P |
| Fry, Diane | P |  |  |
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| Pastor Cable, Ritchey | P | Vande Polder, Don | A |

V is Virtual/Zoom

* Quorum (6) is established.
* Opening Prayer at 6:21 pm by Larry Anderson.
* The February minutes were approved.
  + Moved by Dave Smith and seconded by Larry Anderson.

In Barry’s absence today the meeting is chaired by vice-moderator Steve Moberg.

We welcomed Dan Scheneman to the team.

Old / New Business:

* **Ministries of Mercy discussion: Chapter 11 - Expanding Your Vision.**

Postponed the discussion of this chapter until the April meeting

* We reviewed and discussed the summary sections of previous chapters 5-8 for the benefit of the new deacons.

**Pastor’s Report:** Pastor Cable

* The session discussed the issue brought forth by the Women’s Ministry team. The issue was in regard to female members falling thru the cracks and not being attended to. Members of the Mercy Team were also in attendance for the discussion on how to resolve this. There are things that can be helpful to administer to those needing, ministry meals and transportation (Ministry Wheels), help around the house (HelpNet). Education of the options may help. The teams will all work together on resolutions to the needs of this population.
* The church is starting to use the Debt Free excess funds. The first use is to fix the sign in front of the church. The second is fixing up the mother’s room. There are quite a few babies going to be born shortly, which is a wonderful thing, we need to make a place for the mothers to go during services if necessary.

**Coodinating**: Steve Moberg reporting

* The time for this meeting was spent on personnel issues.

**Team Reports**

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

* February financial report showed a current net loss of $13,000.
* Offerings were close to last year
* 1/12 of the expenses are what the budget shows, but that in not how the money and expenses come in.

1. **Helps**: Diane Fry reporting.

* The Helps team is doing well right now
* We are planning a picnic on 4/22/23 4:30 – 6:30 as our first attempt to thank our volunteers.
* Dave Smith will be taking over the Helps team as of May 1, 2023.

1. **Mercy**: Josiah Colle reporting.

* Mary Lancaster is looking into a replacement for the lead person for the Compassion Wheels team. Needs someone that can coordinate rides for those in need.
* The team is sending out about 40 cards a month for birthdays, illnesses and sympathy.

1. **Property**: Barry absent.

W.O.W Report /Prayer Requests:

* Dave expressed his appreciation and was thankful for the prayers and cards that he and his family received at the passing of Cathy.
* Dave’s granddaughter was taken to the hospital last night with what they thought was appendicitis but thankfully was mononucleosis. This is both a WOW and asking for prayers for her quick recovery.
* Steve Phelan asked for prayers for Harlen May who is having some neurological issues.
* Dan offered a WOW for the movie Jesus Revolution that is out right now. It is a very uplifting, quality movie. It is good to see Christian movies being made again and crowds going to see them.
* Larry asked for prayers for his wife, Jeannie. She has been having issues with APHIB and is going to have an ablation on March 29th. Prayers that this fixes the issue and she can get off the blood thinners.
* Josiah asked for prayers for his Uncle Tim. He is in need of open heart surgery but has refused to go thru with it. The family is trying to convince him to it. Prayers that he submits to the surgery and that all will go well.

Closing Prayer: Dave Smith

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

Next In-person/Zoom meeting: April 11, 2023 @6:15 pm

Moderator — Barry Cooper

Vice Moderator — Steve Moberg

Clerk — Debbie Failing