Minutes from Deacon Meeting –Approved

December 20, 2022

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

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* Quorum (6) is established.
* Opening Prayer at 6:21 pm by Josiah Colle.
* The November minutes were approved.
	+ Moved by Debbie Failing and seconded by Larry Anderson.

* **Ministries of Mercy discussion: Chapter 11 - Expanding Your Vision.**
	+ Due to the absence of several members, it was decided to postpone the discussion of this chapter until the January meeting.

New Business:

* Pastor Cable asked that we consider changing the date of the Monthly deacon’s meeting to the second Tuesday of month from the third.
	+ The group discussed. It was thought that it was originally moved from the second to the third in order to get a current budget report.

After discussion, Steve Moberg moved that we change the monthly meeting to the second Tuesday of each month starting January 2023.

Larry Anderson seconded the motion. All agreed.

Old Business:

* Combined Elders/Deacons meeting.
	+ Discussion was postponed until next meeting as Don was absent.

**Pastor’s Report:**

No report since Pastor Cable was unable to attend the meeting.

**Coodinating**:

No report since Don Vande Polder was unable to attend the meeting

**Team Reports**

1. **Finance**: Larry Anderson reporting.
* As of the end of November, expenses still exceed income.
* Offering income is up year-to-date, as compared to last year.
* Stewardship team trying to get the final pledges reported. It is going to require some phone calls to complete in order to develop the final 2023 budget.
1. **Helps**: Debbie reporting.
* Preparations for the December events is completed. We are very thankful that we have such diligent volunteers. Looking forward to 2023.
* We have a new team of individuals headed by Chris Stackpole to monitor the church’s internet services.
1. **Mercy**: Wes and Mary reporting.
* Robin reviewed the bags for expiration of products included. Something that has to be done periodically.
* They are making plans to conduct a survey — but this time they want to focus on what services people need, as opposed to what gifts people can offer. This would result in a card to give to the under shepherds to garner the volunteers needed.

1. **Property**: Barry reporting.
* Mary Beth interviewed the team for the Porch.
* The Flaglor Road flood control project continues to progress. At this point, the city has moved everything off of our property, so we should not need to be heavily involved, although we may need to grant them an easement for some of the drainage. There will be a spillway to the front of the downstairs parking lot. John Wopata had the city remove a water meter saving the church $40 a month.
* Normal maintenance was done:
1. on the elevator seal.
2. Also some water issues addressed by a plumber.
3. Amos house fencing repaired.
4. Tree removed
* Removal of the old sound booth in the sanctuary is being discussed.
* Repair was completed on the church’s Kubota lawnmower. After the repairs were completed, the mower is now paid off.

New Business:

1. Next meeting - Discuss Chapter 11 from our book, Ministries of Mercy: “Expanding Your Vision”.
2. Reassigning of ministry teams
3. Welcoming new deacons and releasing those who will be departing from the team.

Action Items:

* Don to talk with the Session about reinstating the joint meetings between elders and deacons.

W.O.W Report /Prayer Requests:

* Steve offered a WOW for Diane and the gift bags given to the volunteers. He appreciated the gesture.
* Wes requested prayers for his 4-year-old stepson, Joaquim, for all the stress involved with holiday.
* Wes also asked for prayers for Worship Team. There is a lot to manage for Ellie making sure that the music for 3:00 and Sunday 11:00 is ready.

Also prayers for more volunteers for the music team for 2023.

Closing Prayer: Barry Cooper

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

Next In-person/Zoom meeting: January 10, 2023 @6:15 pm

Moderator — Wes Langford

Vice Moderator — Barry Cooper

Clerk — Debbie Failing