Minutes from Deacon Meeting –Approved

October 18, 2022

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

V is Virtual/Zoom

* Quorum (6) is established.
* Opening Prayer at 6:30 pm by Larry Anderson.
* The September minutes were approved with spelling correction by Mary.
  + Moved by Steve Phelan and seconded by Steve Moberg.

Old Business: None

**Ministries of Mercy discussion: Chapter 10 – Mobilizing the Church**

**Led by Pastor Cable.**

* This chapter focuses on putting mercy ministries in practice through church-wide projects, organizing grass-root groups.

The discussion centered on different reasons we would want to plan mercy projects, what our goals are and how we would implement them.

Some of the comments:

* We would need to care about the project, don’t do it just to do it, but to thoughtfully meet a need that was brought before us.
* We would want to plan practical ways to approach an issue to be successful.
* A positive thought brought out in the chapter was that we do not always have the same gifts but all work together to be successful. (prophets, priests & kings) Some of us are not teachers but we can still teach together.
* Mary asked about the quarterly meetings we used to have with the Elders group. It hasn’t been done in quite some time. Pastor Cable said we could reinstate this, either in December or start up again in January with the new Elders and Deacons.
* Suggestions for ways to mobilize:
  + The Mercy team spent a lot of their efforts caring for the home-bound members. At this time we have fewer of these needs.
  + A survey may be too in your face, maybe a suggestion box would be better or a digital way to capture
  + Pastor Cable said if we have fewer in-house needs for the Mercy team we have to go outside\outreach.

An action item for the Mercy team would be to talk with Caleb to take inventory.

We can also go to another church for ideas and uses of gifts.

Deacons are called to mobilize the church.

Our recent “Serve Day” was a great success. Many people in our community were helped by our congregation, a good start.

**Pastor’s Report:**

* We plan to bring back the original way of doing communion in December.

Anyone who wants to use the cups will still be able to do so.

Training the elders and deacons for this role will take place.

* “Getting to Know Gashland” class has started with 16-17 people. Most are young families or young singles.

The HELPS and Mercy teams are asked to present to the class on November 13.

* Budgets are due to Relationships (Michael) by November 8th.
* Karen Eilers passed away. Her husband Bill is a big supporter of memorial meals and felt a special connection.
* A special W.O.W - Rachel Adams said she dreamt of Bill the morning Karen passed and she prayed for him and Karen.

**Coodinating**: Don Vande Polder absent.

No report.

**Team Reports**

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

* The recent Finance Report, which Phil just sent out, has the team still somewhat concerned about the $60,000+ total loss currently showing. However, the team still believes we will be in the black by year end.
* The team may consider a change in the method of allocation for next year.
* We will be working on the 2023 budget.
* The 2021 audit was completed with a good report.
* The Debt Reduction campaign is going well. Current balance is around $80,000.

1. **Helps**: Diane reporting.

* We will be putting a table in the lobby/foyer to keep people aware of the team and what we do.
* We asked Pastor Cable to let us know the times for the Christmas services. He said they would be the same as last year; 3:00/4:30/6:00. Althought the Chiefs game may affect the 3:00 service numbers.

1. **Mercy**: Wes and Mary reporting.

* There were 3 memorial meals prepared this past month.

The church did a great job caring for the families. They felt well cared for.

1. **Property**: Barry absent.

* There was a discussion regarding the current cleaning contract. It has been reported that there are some cleaning issues with regards to dusting, especially in the sanctuary. There is dust on window sills and pews. Also some have noticed cobwebs on and under the pews. Dusting is *not* part of the current contract. It will be necessary for the team to review and determine the cost to add this. Larry Anderson said he would inform Barry Cooper of this discussion.

New Business:

1. Next meeting - Discuss Chapter 11 from our book, Ministries of Mercy: “Expanding Your Vision”.

Action Items:

* Reinstate the joint quarterly meeting between deacons and elders. Determine whether December or January would work best.
* Meet with Caleb for overlap of the teams of deacons and elders with regards to implementing mercy and outreach.

W.O.W Report /Prayer Requests:

* Steve Moberg asked for prayers for his cousin’s wife. She was recently the mother of the bride and hostess of the wedding/reception all while suffering from a bone marrow transplant that she is having some issues with. They are a strong Christian family and appreciate all prayers on their behalf.
* Pastor Cable offered a WOW for a friend, Kellie, who found she had cancer thru a mammogram. As a result of unfortunate events, one being a tire blowout on the way to the surgery appointment, and thru a second opinion, the mastectomy may no longer be warranted. Chemotherapy or radiation still may be done as a precaution.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Cable

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

Next In Person/Zoom meeting: November 21, 2022 @ 6:15 p.m

Moderator - Wes Langford

Vice Moderator – Barry Cooper

Clerk - Debbie Failing