

## HELPS TEAM MINUTES

11-07-2023 7:00AM

Present: Dave Smith, Diane Fry, Debbie Failing; Chris Stackpole Linda Reeve

Opening Prayer: Dave Smith

Closing Prayer: Linda Reeve

### Chris talked about the Chair Team:

They are doing well, except that volunteers will be needed after the first of the year as people drop off. He is waiting for Lyn VandePolder to provide information for the Women's Christmas Tea, such as table and chair layouts chart. He is planning on using second service congregants to assist in chair put up and then Tea set up. Chris discussed that the end of year services are looming and understands many thoughts are going into the planning for Christmas services, such as number, times and locations. Also in the mix is the arrival of Baby Morefield. We are requesting that any ministry team that needs the Helps team for chairs, tables, coffee, FirstTeam to please give us as much advance notice so that we can coordinate volunteers to make the holiday activities and services a success. It was noticed that there was not a Deacon rep on the Worship team and it might help with planning if there was a Deacon added to them. In regards to chair replacement for the Ministry Center, Chris said that an everyday chair is around \$25, which would not last and is a poor choice. Super chairs can be upwards of \$300 and more each, which is unnecessary. Better chairs are in the \$50-\$75 range. He is also looking at versions that have a smaller pocket on the rear, that will fit the size of the bulletin and a pen holder. So, for future budgeting purposes, a ballpark estimate to replace 300 chairs at \$75 is \$22,500 or \$50 each at \$15,00.

### Linda talked about FirstTeam:

Volunteers have been coming and going. There are enough for regular teams on the first service so they only have to serve once a month. For second service, there are volunteers who have to serve more than once a month. A goal would be to have them serve only once a month. After the first of the year, she is planning on a training session(s). Prior to this she is planning on another push for volunteers so everyone can get trained together at one time. She said that Justin

Ewing (MSHP Trooper) has mentioned he would like to be involved in setting up / taking over security in the near future. Dave said that he discussed with Justin the current setup and how Dave is approaching 70 and it's time to retire from the being armed business. We discussed how everyone is spread so thin with more than one responsibility that it may be an additional option to hire a security officer. Of course, the Session among others would have to be involved in this.

Debbie spoke about the Coffee team: She said the Coffee team is doing well. She needs reliable subs, however.

Dave spoke about Conversations: He said he sent an email to his volunteers about the Church Thanksgiving dinner on the 15<sup>th</sup> to provide the regular volunteers on that night with more help with the setup. He will solicit for more volunteers for that night as it draws close.

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