

Minutes from Deacon Meeting –Approved
February 12, 2024

Deacon	Attend	Deacon	Attend
Anderson, Larry	A	Moberg, Steve	P
Colle, Josiah	P	Phelan, Steve	P
Cooper, Laura	P	Scheneman, Dan	P
Failing, Debbie	P	Smith, Dave	P
Lancaster, Mary	P		
Pastor Morefield, Michael	P		

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- Quorum (9) is established.
- Opening Prayer at 6:16 pm by Steve Moberg.
- Motion to approve the January 2024 minutes by Dave seconded by Dan.

New Business: Deacon will host the elders in a joint meeting on March 12, 2024. Pastor Michael said we can ask Kathy to order the food. We will also include a discussion around the finances and our role in keeping it balanced.

Pastor’s Report:

Pastor Michael informed us that he will present his vision for the future of Gasland after the conversations dinner on Feb 21st. There will also be a dinner at the Brim for the leaders of the church, staff and their spouses on Feb 22nd. Both meetings will include question and answer time.

Coodinating: Steve Moberg reporting

- Tim Eckerly is a member of the Heart of America Aquarium Assoc and his group have been meeting at the church monthly for some time. They also host a swap meet once a quarter in the ministry center. They have been charged a members fee which is free. There has been a change in the policy and they will now be charged a non-member fee. Tim is protesting this change. Because this was not on the February agenda, they said they will take this up in the March meeting.
- There is a plan to begin tracking vacation time for the staff. They are working on how this will be done, coming up with a form to request the time and then log it.

- Staff member issues was also discussed.

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Team Reports

a. **Finance:** Debbie reporting.

- Time was spent bringing me up to speed on the workings of the team.
- Outreach-Mission budget was omitted from the original submission. This has been rectified.
- Endowment Fund was discussed, and Rick gave information on how these funds could be used once the initial amount was reached. They are more than half way to that goal.
- The balance of the time was spent discussing the Annual Report and Budget that is to be presented to the congregation.

b. **Helps:** Dave reporting

- We are having issues with the Bunn coffee pot in the upstairs kitchen that is used for Sunday morning Coffee. It is running significantly slow again. Many of the teams have been pointing that out. Debbie will research the options we may have to replace it at some point.
- We have recently had an issue with one of the homeless men in the area coming into the basement bathroom shower. Dave had talked to him but he left right away. Dave sent a request to the session to be able to put up a sign stating that the showers are for members of GEPC only. Without a sign posted it appears that this is public and it is hard to do anything legally. He will talk to Kathy about making the sign as well.
- FIRSTEAM is having a training session on Saturday and security is part of the discussion. Nicole asked Dave to inform her how to handle a emergency situation. After a review he suggested to close the blinds and the bathroom would be the safest place to hide. Dave suggested to put L-bars on the door to help secure it. He will approach the Property Team with this, per Michael.

c. **Mercy:** Laura reporting

- **The team has had several people have to resign. They have asked Andrea Quinn and Mark Lancaster to join them.**
- **They are working on Routing Rules on the website. They are asking Ellie to assist them.**

d. **Property:** Josiah reporting

- Beatification Team is still on hold. There will be a training session before it gets started again.

- Quote for elevator maintenance are needed. The warranty on them cannot be renewed so they are looking for someone to do non-warranty work on a contract.
- Exit doors need to be free not blocked.
- HVAC was fixed and one of the heat exchanges was repaired by John Wopata.
- Discuss on where to store Christmas items. Mary suggested to look upstairs accessed by a drop-down staircase. They have used that area in the past.
- Amos House – what is the expected use. Need to budget for the utilities. Laura said to contact Caleb, he is in contact with “A Turning Point” the group that is putting the tenants in.
- Property Team does have \$3600 built in the budget for incidentals but that always seem to go for things that break throughout the year.

W.O.W Report /Prayer Requests:

- A big WOW to the nominating committee for nominating Pastor Michael to the position of Senior Pastor!
- A WOW for Dave’s son Kyle. After a long bout with an auto-immune disease, he was able to return to work at FedEx
- Prayers for Forrest that he will recover from the procedure he had today with no complications.
- Prayers for Josiah’s wife and the family as they prepare for the addition of a new little boy.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm

Next In-person/Zoom meeting: March 12,2024 @6:15 pm

Moderator — Steve Moberg

Vice Moderator — Laura Cooper

Clerk — Debbie Failing