

Minutes from Coordinating Meeting
August 6, 2024

Deacon	Attend	Deacon	Attend
Ellison, Russ	P	Wiersma, Dave	P
Lancaster, Mark	P	Wilson, Ron	A
Moberg, Steve	P		
Ex Officio:		Guests:	
Morefield, Michael	A		

V is Virtual/Zoom

- Opening Prayer at 6:33 pm by Steve.

Administrative:

- Approval of July Minutes — Moved by Russ, second by Dave. Approved.

Old Business

- Dave reported on some of the Session's actions.
 - They said “no” to the idea of having a Coordinating Team member assigned to each staff member as an “under-shepherd”. The Session felt this could cause confusion and too many voices for the staff members to listen to.
 - The Session received a note from Amanda Ewing, indicating she is willing to continue serving as the interim Little Lambs director for a while longer, so she can see how well she can balance that responsibility with her full-time job of teaching school.
- The team reviewed the first two sections of the handbook (“Welcome and Introduction”, and “About Your Job”), comparing the existing handbook with several other sample handbooks Dave has provided. Several revisions were suggested, which Dave will document. The team will review the next two sections (“Health and Safety” and “Your Compensation and Hours of Work”) for discussion at the September meeting.

New Business

- Steve reported that he has had several email exchanges with Michael about the idea Steve suggested to consider changing the cost-sharing for insurance for non-pastors. Steve gave Michael additional information on how that might work, but also told him that it feels like this discussion is a little rushed on a change this big, so it may be better to continue with our current model for now and explore this change at a later date.

- Michael has requested that a member of Coordinating attend a meeting he is going to have next Tuesday (8/13 at 8:30) with two men who attended our 8:30 service on August 4. One is a pastor whose name is Daniel. These men are from the Congo and are currently living in the Northland. They would like to discuss using our church weekly on a Saturday afternoon or Sunday afternoon for worship. They have about 10 families from the Congo who are all in the Northland, but they do not have a place to worship. Michael has told them he would be happy to explore this with them, but couldn't make any guarantees as we would need to talk through beliefs and logistics. Mark volunteered to attend the meeting on behalf of Coordinating.
- Mark brought up an issue with where the IT team reports. Currently it is a part of the Helps Team because Chris Stackpole is leading the team and he was already a part of Helps. Steve reported that at a recent Deacons meeting Dave Smith (Helps chair) inquired about where Chris should report regarding the infrastructure changes they are making. Josiah Colle (Property chair) told Dave to have Chris work with Property regarding physical changes, like running cable, etc. But Mark is concerned that the work of the IT team will involve a lot of policy decisions, so maybe IT should report to Coordinating.
- Russ discussed the Amos House and its future use. Russ was asked by the Session to do an appraisal. The neighboring land owner would like to buy some land so he can connect a new house he wants to build to the sewer system, and the closest connection point is on our land. Dave said the Session has been talking about what the future of the Amos House should be.

Adjournment:

- Mark closed the meeting with prayer.
- Russ moved and Mark seconded. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Next meeting:

- September 5, 2024 @6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Moberg
Clerk