

Deacon Minutes –Approved
09 February 2016

Present: Matt Armstrong, Teri Burgen, Pastor Cable, Tom Clapham, Mary Lancaster, Pam Parker, Ishi Stackpole, Don Vande Polder , Paula Willis
Absent: Ethan Funk, Gail Stewart, Cindy Taylor,

Opening Prayer: Ishi Stackpole

Meeting Opened: 6:31 pm

January's Deacon Minutes: Approved as written.

Pastor's Report

- *Ministries of Mercy* by Tim Keller, Chapter 11- short discussion and reflection on expanding our vision and developing levels of ministry of reform, transformation, and justice. Discussed the Circles of felt-need intervention and models given and types of relief Kansas City, other churches and GEPC provides.
- AI: Ritchey will discuss with Outreach/Mercy Teams at a later date about use of the Amos House.
- Chapter 12 will be discussed at April 12th meeting.
- Ritchey will order 2 books for new deacons, Teri Burgen and Ethan Funk They will need to read Chapters 1 – 12 on their own.
- Ritchey will send a revised schedule of Deacons by Feb 11
Tenative schedule: Mercy – Pam, Mary, Ishi, Cindy; Helps – Gail, Paula, Teri; Property – Matt (chair, Tom); Finance - Ethan

Team Reports

- **Mercy**
 - Excited about team creating cards and sending cards to shut ins and college students. .
 - Out of Dream/vision event have experienced people in hearing technology working on ways to offer hearing aides during worship services.
- **Helps**
 - Chris Stackpole presented “Time” aspect of Offering during both services on Jan 31. Ritchey/Marilyn created chart and Ritchey asked folks at Conversations to help set up tables and chairs for the next 6 Wednesdays of Conversations.
 - Error found on Helps Minutes to remove Action Item about Decorating Team. However after discussion at Deacons meeting, Matt Armstrong made a motion to have Gail email her info to deacons about what she knows about possible Decorating team. AI Paula will email Gail. Just want to have discussion on best place to put Team. Worship/Helps.
 - Asking Coordinating Team about having Ministry Fair on Conversations

night. Discussion and was decided by Deacons to have Chris Stackpole to present idea at Combo Elder/Deacon Meeting. Possible event to happen on May 18th which would be last Conversation evening.

- AI: Paula will contact Chris Stackpole about presenting on March 8th
- **Finance**
 - December report re-sent to Deacons. No other report given at this time.
- **Property**
 - See minutes.
- **Coordinating Team**
 - Regarding Coordinate independent fundraising events, no policies are needed at this time.
 - Regarding Help with setup of tables and chairs for Conversations, Ritchey/Marilyn created chart and requesting help at Conversations.
 - Regarding Team for Decorating volunteer falls to Deacons to decide whether it will be under deacons or worship team. Paula emailing Gail.

Old Business

- AI: Mary planning a meeting between Mercy, Phil and the elders on Outreach to start exploring ways we can work together regarding ministry partnerships and home grown ministries (TABLED to March).

New Business

- Welcomed Teri Burgen and Ethan Funk to Deacons. Thanked Tom and Jeff for their service as deacons.
- Motion made by Matt Armstrong to re-elect Mary Lancaster as Moderator and Cindy Taylor as Clerk for 2016 contingent on Ethan Funks input.
- Role of Deacons in Finance: Opinion from Mary Lancaster that Deacons also have a responsibility for oversight of finance. Ritchey believes relationship will be revived this next year. We believe we can attend finance committee, just might let finance committee know if you plan to attend.
- Discussion regarding menu for combo Elder/Deacon meeting in March.
AI: Ritchey emailed Emily to price out Olive Garden or Smokehouse within budget and will let Mary know what is decided.

WOW reports

- Explained WOW – something we know God obviously intervened and we can share!
- Our GPC Christmas Eve financial gift to Joplin church arrived after the first of the year instead of by the end of 2015. However our donation was doubled because of a generous offer of a company to double any money donated to Joplin church in 2016 up to \$50,000.
- Pastor Ritchey's sermons on Solomon – eye opening, enlightening and makes the

- bible come alive. Gives us a different perspective on how Solomon hadn't asked for wisdom for himself, but wisdom for ruling the people and also the history Ritchey provides has been such a blessing to all of us.
- Mary's Dad's funeral request to sing "When the Saints Go Marching In" and what a blessing it was to all who attended despite the extra approval process to make it happen.

Closing Prayer: Mary Lancaster

Meeting adjourned: 7:40 pm

Next Meeting: 8 March 2016 @ 6:00pm Dinner/COMBO with Elders

Deacon Meeting to follow Dinner/Presentation-Discussion

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Willis

Acting Clerk of Deacons

Mary Lancaster

Moderator