

Deacon Minutes –Approved  
12 January 2016

Present: Matt Armstrong, Jeff Overton, Paula Willis, Gail Stewart, Pam Parker, Cindy Taylor, Don Vande Polder and Pastor Cable

Absent: Mary Lancaster, Tom Clapham, Ishi Stackpole

Opening Prayer: Pam Parker

Meeting Opened: 6:38 pm

December's Deacon Minutes: Approved as written. Ordered to be sent out to the Deacons, Session and Office Staff.

### **Pastor's Report**

- *Ministries of Mercy* by Tim Keller, Chapter 11- TABLED to February
- Budget should be tweaked and approved at Session on Thursday
  - Intent to meet vision requests with creativity
  - Special projects may not be “budgeted” but funded by freeing up special funds, fund-raising or capital campaigns (e.g. “Sponsor a Stained Glass Window”)
  - Fundraisers should be funneled through the Coordinating team
  - Mercy Team might think through the uses of the Mercy Fund
    - Serve those in need in the congregation
    - Hearing technology discussed
  - Teams will be informed if their requested budget is tweaked
- Congregational meeting to elect new Elders and Deacons 24 January after 2<sup>nd</sup> service
  - Deacon slate revealed
  - Sweet rolls to be served after the meeting

### **Team Reports**

- **Mercy**
  - Healthy Mercy Fund – looking for ways to educate congregation on use
  - Cookbooks – 260 still available to sell; current profit about \$1200
  - Expanding card list of college students and shut ins – overall success this past month
  - Operation 180 being reworked. Brainstorming meeting with Paul W. and relationship team postponed until next Wednesday.
    - Gail suggested inclusion of putting up and taking down of Christmas decorations as part of Operation 180
- **Helps**
  - **See report**

- Have volunteer to lead Decorations Team for Church (Sarah Sporrer)
    - Discussion regarding which team to work under
    - Coordinating team will contact Worship team
  - Conversations
    - New need for table and chair set up
      - Possible service project for youth?
      - Check with Michael
    - Need teams for set up and clean up for 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays
    - Have solid teams for other 3 weeks
  - Chris Stackpole will present the “Time” aspect of Offering during both services on 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday
- **Finance**
    - December report not yet out
    - End of November short
    - December giving better than expected
    - Plan is to re-evaluate:
      - E-giving -- currently only being used by about 10% of congregation
      - Property donations and other non-cash donations
  - **Property**
    - Main heating and cooling system for Ministry Center replaced last week -- \$22,800
  - **Coordinating Team**
    - Action items to take to team
      - Coordinate independent Fundraising events
      - Help is needed with set up of tables and chairs for Conversations
      - Determine team for Decorating volunteer to serve under (Worship)

### 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 February)

### New Business

- Helps team needs line item number for Coffee (AI: Finance)
- Gail suggested the Memorial Meals team, which currently consists only of Connie Sommer needs more oversight (AI: Mercy)
  - Review needs with Connie
  - Develop team and job description
  - Develop budget
  - Tablecloths and decorations for 6-8 tables

**WOW reports**

- Ritchey and Michael's "Shadow" series during Christmas
- Tom and Dale's efficient coordination of getting HVAC system in ministry center fixed in 1 week
- Steve Watts' building of riser and podium in ministry center and new riser for old bell in lobby
- Marilyn made new signs for coffee and hot chocolate for table on Sunday mornings

Closing Prayer: Gail Stewart

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 pm

Next Meeting: 9 February 2016 @ 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Taylor  
Clerk of Deacons

Pam Parker  
Acting Moderator