

Deacon Minutes – Approved
10 May 2016

Present: Mary Lancaster, Paula Willis, Pam Parker, Cindy Taylor, Ethan Funk, Teri Burgen, and Pastor Cable

Absent: Ishi Stackpole, Matt Armstrong, Gail Stewart, and Don Vande Polder

Opening Prayer: Mary Lancaster

Meeting Opened: 6:33 pm

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

Pastor's Report

- Book Study
 - Will begin Book Study in the Fall
 - In lieu of book, will be looking at Scripture, Book of Order and Articles.
 - Acts 6:1-4 and 1 Timothy 3:8-13 discussed as were Paragraphs 10-7 and 10-8 in the book of Order.
 - Deacon Role, although subordinate to Elders, is separate and specific; caring for daily operation of the church and its members, and allowing Session to focus on prayer and ministry of the Word.
 - Deacons are called to take care of the Hebrews (those connected) as well as the Hellenists (those not as well connected).
 - Call to the Diaconate is a high calling that cannot be done without the grace of God.
 - The term 'blameless' refers to the lack of scandal in the life of a deacon.
 - A deacon should be blameless before other people.
- Last week was a very tough week with the death of Alissa Hermes
 - Organization of visitation well done by Linda Reeve and Helps team
 - Many compliments as a very large number of guests came to visitation.
 - Overflow for funeral moved to chapel where the service was streamed in.

Team Reports

- Mercy
 - See attached report.

- **Helps**
 - See attached report.
 - Discussed Poster Session location for 29 May
 - Various locations discussed and Ministry Center seems like best option. It can be reassessed after initial run during Conversations on 18 May.
 - Moving Sunday morning coffee service downstairs to attract congregation was suggested.
 - Cinnamon Rolls are being considered.
 - Consider announcement in The Link to make congregation aware of the upcoming event, which will occur during the Sunday school hour.
 - Consider copies of posters as handouts.
 - Posters should be kept for future use; possibly highlighting specific posters during 5th Sunday sharing of Treasures, Talents, Time and Testimony
 - Posters to be put on line for continued access.
 - **AI**: Ethan Funk to discuss details with Chris Stackpole on 11 May

- **Finance**
 - Next Finance Team meeting scheduled for end of May
 - Working on collecting and deciphering all the information regarding e-giving and costs associated. Prayers requested.
 - Various concerns over e-giving discussed.
 - There are costs (bank fees) incurred by the church for all types of giving (even cash/check).
 - Before e-giving rolled out, education will be offered to the congregation.

- **Property**
 - No report

- **Coordinating Team**
 - No report

Old Business

- Mercy Fund
 - Ethan reviewed the application for the Mercy Fund and found it clear, concise and well organized.
 - Need to direct people to the application site, if they need help.
- Attendance Accounting
 - Request made to Coordinating Team who will discuss at next meeting.
- Re-shape

- Mark Blakley sent the Re-Shape link to Mary.
- AI: Mary will forward the link to Pam, Matt, Paula and Teri.
- Ministry Fair
 - See Helps Team report

New Business

- Support for the Hermes Family and Rosemary
 - Several people have indicated that they want to show support and help the Hermes Family and Rosemary during this major life change.
 - All are called to Mercy and although it does not have to come only from the Mercy Team, MT will try to provide direction and organization.
 - It is thought that Emily Welch put out signup sheets at the last conversations for those who might want to volunteer in various ways.
- Amos House
 - Introduced information for awareness purposes.
 - At one time Mercy Team and Outreach were charged to look at joint ventures – one of which might be the use of the Amos house.
 - Outreach may be pursuing options for usage of the Amos House that may not be covered by the current policy requirements.
 - Concerns:
 - Who is the landlord?
 - Who is in control?
 - What is the risk?
 - What does our insurance cover?
 - Use of Amos house would need input by multiple teams including Property, Mercy, Outreach, Coordinating and maybe others
 - Options for asset that needs to be used?
 - Sell
 - Rewrite policy to include other uses
 - AI: Mary to contact Coordinating Team about reading the insurance policy.

WOW reports

- Ellie Hermes composure and note to mom during last week's events. Both Ellie and Emily presented themselves as mature young women. Both have their own circle of close friends to help them through this difficult time.
- Ritchey's sermon on Our Storms was excellent and appropriate not only for the storms of the previous week, but also for all at some point in our lives.

Closing Prayer: Pam Parker

Meeting adjourned: 8:22 pm

Next Meeting: 14 June 2016

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Taylor
Clerk of Deacons

Mary Lancaster
Moderator