

Deacon Minutes – Approved
9 January 2018

Present: Mary Lancaster, Steve Stalder, Pam Parker, Cindy Taylor, Rob Stegeman, Teri Burgen, Ishi Stackpole, Dennis King, and Pastor Cable

Absent: Ethan Funk

Opening Prayer: Mary Lancaster

Meeting Opened: 5:48 pm

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

Pastor's Report

- Reviewed Chapter 9 “From Embers to a Flame”
 - Church resources seldom precede ministry
 - Relationship between Mission and Vision
 - GEPC’s Mission Statement currently includes Equip, Advance and Exalt, which supports Discipleship, Outreach and Worship, but misses Relationship
 - Session Retreat, in Feb or March, will work on refining.
 - Who, What, Where, Why and How are the elements of a Mission and Vision – for GEPC one non-negotiable is that we are a Biblical Church
- Congregational Meeting 28 January 2018
 - Annual Report will be presented
 - Each Team needs to write up summary to highlight what they did in 2017
 - **AI for all Teams** --Due to Caitlin in the office by 23 Jan so she can put the report together for the meeting
- God continues to bless GEPC by meeting and exceeding financial expectations in 2017.

Team Reports

- **Coordinating**
 - No meeting/no report
 - Clarification of current Security Measures to be taken at GEPC
 - The Red Door in the Narthex will be locked after the offering is taken at first service
 - Downstairs doors will not be unlocked on Sunday until 9 am
 - All doors will be locked after offering taken during second service.

- **Finance**
 - No meeting/no report
 - Had a meeting with Team Leads to trim budget
 - Have very small gap to trim due to better than expected offerings
 - Expect to have a balanced budget to present to congregation
 - All Stewardship calls were completed, resulting in additional pledges

- **Helps**
 - No report
 - Paula making a master list of Helps ministry's volunteers
 - Coffee service going well
 - Kudos expressed regarding Sunday morning Coffee service that all processes are well organized offering a well-run ministry.

- **Mercy**
 - see report
 - Care packages for college students/young professionals/military and Thanksgiving bags for shut-ins went well
 - Will be having Caitlyn help with mass email to members regarding HelpNet
 - Volunteers supporting Mercy ministries were acknowledged and thanked with small gifts for their service
 - **Prayer Request** – Contacting the congregation regarding needs and volunteers for HelpNet would be executed with grace and sensitivity

- **Property**
 - No meeting/no report
 - Building has multiple leaks that are being worked on, the sources of the leaks are being investigated
 - The parking lot islands have been rocked
 - New ovens/stoves have been difficult to acquire as other types of ovens have taken precedence by manufacturers.
 - **Prayer Request** – that the sources of the building leaks be identified

Old Business

- Next Deacon fellowship is this Sunday, 14 Jan 18 at 2:30 pm at **The Main Event** on Roanridge Rd
 - **AI** – Mary will contact Debbie to invite her
- Deacon fellowships do not need to be at someone's home and they do not need to be major activities. Can just meet at a coffee house.

New Business

- Elections of new moderator/clerk discussed. Ethan not present so Ritchey will contact him to assess interest in remaining moderator. Cindy will resume position of clerk.
- Will put election of new moderator first item of business for next meeting.

WOW reports

- God has blessed GEPC with better than expected financial resources. Also has blessed Robert Malumbi with donations that exceeded his goal for new van to transport members to the hospital.
- Partnering with Gashland and Clardy Elementary schools at Christmas has blessed both the schools, the students and GEPC. Multiple thank you notes have arrived after Christmas gifts were provided for students, including one from the principal of the school.
- Chris and Ishi Stackpole were able to have sweet/encouraging fellowship with another couple over New Year's.
- Property team blessed with just the right giftedness and skill sets to get things done.

Closing Prayer: Ritchey Cable

Meeting adjourned: 7:40 pm

Next Meeting: 13 Feb 2018 at 5:45 pm -- Read Chapter 10

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Taylor
Clerk of Deacons

Mary Lancaster
Acting Moderator