

Deacon Minutes – Approved
12 June 2018

Present: Steve Stalder, Cindy Taylor, Rob Stegeman, Debbie Ellison, Ethan Funk, Mary Lancaster, Teri Burgen, and Pastor Cable

Absent: Pam Parker, Ishi Stackpole, Dennis King

Opening Prayer: Ethan Funk

Meeting Opened: 5:50 pm

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

Pastor's Report

- Chapter 12 “From Embers to a Flame” – Part II
 - Healthy churches all have the 4 components of Authentic Worship, Outreach (Evangelism), Relational Care (Enfolding), Discipleship (Equipping)
 - Area of strength at Gashland – Worship
 - Area that could improve – Outreach to the lost
 - Outreach Team is committed to grow in Initial Care in 2018
 - Correlates with Declaration/Demonstration series
 - Building relationships with Gashland Elementary
 - Breakaway camp
 - Community meeting was well attended and well received with excellent message of love and desire to be your neighbor. Presentations by Aaron K, Mark L, and Pastor Ritchey. Approximately 40 attendees.
 - We need to be deliberate/intentional
 - We need to continue to grow
 - Highlights from Chapter 12
 - It is not us who bring people to faith, but the Holy Spirit.
 - Evangelism is a process.
 - We may always be a sower and not a reaper.
 - We need to understand our giftedness in outreach ministry.
 - Many ways to evangelize...see the book.
 - Lots of times people come to faith because they have been loved well.
- Ritchey sent out the videos and PDF workbook for our next study
 - Check your email for the link to the videos and the password.
 - Mercy Team will provide the leader (Mary or Pam) for the study next meeting as Ritchey will not be here.
 - **AI:** Watch Sessions 1 & 2 on Shalom and Justice
- Summer series will include the Book of Daniel

- Where is God passionately pursuing people?
- How is God using Daniel in that way?
- EPC focus on “transformational growth” vs “transfer growth”
- Will finish up Romans this fall
- Continuing to build relationships with Gashland Elementary school
- **Prayer request: Pray for Ritchey, Michael and Chris Taylor as they head to the General Assembly meeting next week in Memphis. This meeting is always full of worship, rejuvenating and uplifting.**

Team Reports

- **Coordinating**
 - See report
- **Finance**
 - No report
 - Last meeting in April. Next meeting July 11th.
 - As of April, giving is up 6.8% over last year
 - Audit team in place to review 2017
 - Looking at new insurance and mortgage
 - Paid \$25,000 down on loan. Session is considering another \$25,000.
 - Discussions about \$38 per member giving
 - Outreach will place announcement in the Link
 - This annual donation to the presbytery is already covered in the budget
 - Those who participate in this giving should label check/payment with “per member giving”
 - The amount collected will go to Outreach since we support missionaries as does the EPC
- **Helps**
 - See report
 - Need 2 volunteers for coffee service the 4th week of the month
 - Teri filling in until positions filled
 - Need volunteers for set up/cleanup for fall Conversations.
 - Currently down about 5-6 volunteers
- **Mercy**
 - see report
 - Response to volunteer request for HelpNet is a testament to the personal appeal from the front, as opposed to a written announcement in the Link.
- **Property**
 - Problem associated with the slope of the sidewalk at the entrance is being looked into and will take time.
 - Waiting on estimates

- Many big ticket items also in the queue
- If there are suggestions for this project, send to the property team for review.
- Have received specifications and list of qualified builders for re-roofing of the flat roofs, which have leakage problems
- AC unit above the lobby needs fixing/replacing
- The basketball courts have been installed in the lower parking lot (Outreach)
- Patio is due for recoating so as to stay within warranty
- Contracted with Santa Fe Glass to remove and repair windows – ongoing
- Desire annual sealing of the parking lot

Old Business

- Deacon Fellowship
 - Difficult to plan each month as life often gets in the way
 - If someone has a heart for getting together, they should send out an email invitation.
 - Does not need to be an activity
 - Rob to have fellowship time in the next couple of months
- Engage booklet
 - Michael asked for each team to review and give feedback/correction
 - Not many have responded
 - Suggested that a confirmation email to Michael (or others) to indicate
 - acknowledgement of request
 - corrections, if needed or comment about no corrections, if not needed

New Business

- Communion
 - Know your position, but be flexible, if someone in your spot
 - Check the schedule to know when you are serving
 - Get sub if not available on a certain Sunday and let others know
 - Keep an eye out to be sure there are enough servers and step up, if there seems to be someone missing (may need to keep an eye open during the prayer)
 - Recommended that the pastors might ask those who are unable to walk up to receive communion to please raise their hands so the roamer can come to them.

WOW reports

- Gracie Stegeman's surgery was a great success. She is sleeping well for the first time in years. No longer needs daily naps or CPAP.
- Picnic turn-out was great! Contests were fun, food was awesome and fellowship outstanding.

Prayer Requests

- Upcoming sports camp – Breakaway! Pray for the leaders, support staff and especially the kids that come. May everyone be blessed.
- Cable's upcoming vacation following Presbytery.

Closing Prayer: Rob Stegeman

Meeting adjourned: 7:25 pm

Next Meeting: 10 July 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Taylor
Clerk of Deacons

Ethan Funk
Moderator