

Deacon Minutes – un-Approved
13 February 2018

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

Absent: Ethan Funk

Opening Prayer: Cindy Taylor

Meeting Opened: 5:47 pm

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

Pastor's Report

- Chapter 10 “From Embers to a Flame” – TABLED til 13 March 2018
- Elder retreat
 - Scheduled for 1st weekend in March (2nd and 3rd)
 - Focused on Spiritual Leadership, Mission and Vision with the 5 teams the Session oversees (Worship, Outreach, Relationships, Discipleship, and Coordinating)
 - Deacons will be engaged at a later time
 - Location: TBD
 - Prayer for successful retreat
- Ash Wednesday
 - Prayer in Chapel from 7:30 a.m. til 6:00 p.m.
 - A Pamphlet is available to guide prayer time
 - Ritchey will be available to administer ashes, if desired
- **Prayer Request** – Will be visiting both brothers in Los Angeles to celebrate 40th birthday. Pray for time spent with youngest brother that will allow further sharing of God's word

Team Reports

- **Coordinating**
 - No meeting since last Deacon meeting/no report
 - Queried Deacons regarding whether they wanted full reports or just the highlights of Elder led Teams. Majority only wanted highlights.
 - Outreach
 - Strong bond has been made with Gashland Elementary School
 - Summer Sports Camp will be held in place of VBS
 - June 4-8
 - Coed up to age 10-12

- Next year's annual meeting will be pushed back until 10 February to allow the congregation ample time to review the financial report prior to the meeting. Fiscal reports are not received until later in January and must be reviewed before release to the congregation.
 - **Prayer Request** – Mark Lancaster's trip to Haiti
- **Finance**
 - No report
 - Audit team has finished the 2016 audit
 - Finance Team is reviewing their findings and implementing recommendations
 - Balanced budget was put forward at the Annual Meeting
 - Currently, giving is a little ahead of budget
 - **Prayer Request** – Finance team may be having some turnover in the next couple of years, including Phil and Roger. Please pray for the right replacement to step up to fill these positions when they become open.
- **Helps**
 - No report
 - Coffee service going well and on budget
 - Conversations going well with many volunteers signed up and showing up
 - Suggestion made to incorporate some of the younger folks as volunteers
 - **Prayer Request** – Teri has taken over purchasing for Sunday morning coffee and would appreciate help and/or suggestions
- **Mercy**
 - see report
 - HelpNet
 - Prayer answered as email was crafted and sent out today with the help of Caitlin
 - Email had link to volunteer survey and a email contact for those who may need assistance
 - Already have response from volunteer
 - Will have tables set up in the lobby in coming weeks to help with sign ups
 - **Prayer Request** – Have a good response to the HelpNet sign up and that we will be able to manage the ministry well and make needed connections
- **Property**
 - No meeting/no report
 - Discussed transitioning team leadership back under the umbrella of the Deacons with the active Deacon on the team taking the lead after a time of mentorship by the outgoing leader. This should alleviate disconnected sense and improve communication. AI: Rob will talk with Tom about this transition and how it will move forward.

- New equipment purchased for Ministry Center kitchen
 - 2 Ranges, double ovens coming soon. One will need a cabinet built
 - Ceiling tiles are being replaced around the church
 - Pavilion usage by unauthorized people is being discussed
 - Possible basketball court near pavilion also being discussed
 - Still seeking out leaks, which may become more apparent during rainy season
 - May need to replace roof soon
- **Prayer Request** – Continued prayer for the property team, which consists of a wonderful group of men serving Gashland in so many ways.

Old Business

- Moderator Elections
 - Proposal to also elect Vice Moderator made to ensure coverage of this position at all meetings – agreed to by all
 - Motion/2nd for Ethan to be moderator and Mary to be Vice Moderator – passed with unanimous vote
- Re-shape
 - Purpose: Discover spiritual gifts, how you are wired and your passions
 - Teri is waiting on Claudia for review of her results
 - Debbie has not yet done Re-Shape

New Business

- Combined Deacon/Elder Meeting
 - Tuesday, 13 March 2018 at 6 pm – Deacons hosting
 - **AI:** Mercy Team will plan meal
 - Agenda to include follow-up of Elder Retreat
- Wednesday night prayer in Chapel at 5:30
 - Feb 21 and March 21: Pam Parker
 - Feb 28: Teri
 - March 7: Steve
 - March 14: Cindy
- Role of Deacons from Book of Order (EPC)
 - Treasurer appointment discussed (section 17-5)
 - Should be driven by Deacons
 - Transition Finance Team back to Deacons, not just have a representative on the team (need to set a goal and a date)
 - Deacons charged with having better understanding of financial activities of the church
 - Quorum (section 17-6 B)
 - Each board can set its own quorum.
 - Motion made by Mary/2nd by Pam that 5 Deacons would constitute a quorum for this Board - Passed
 - **AI:** Dennis to send out electronic copy of Book of Order to all Deacons

WOW reports

- Bonnie Stalder has been able to come to church to worship.
- Current sermon series, especially regarding the topic of election, has been amazing with excellent explanation of a very difficult topic.
- Excitement over reading the Bible in one year as a congregation has spread to those not currently living in the Kansas City area.
- The Vande Polders have decided not to leave the area when Harley Davidson closes next year. Don turned down an offer that would require a move to York, Pennsylvania after much prayer. Continued prayers for a new job opportunity in this area would be welcomed.
- Annual meeting of the congregation went very well. Phil did an excellent job in presenting the balanced budget. All team reports were well written.
- Chris Stackpole is doing an excellent job in leading the men's Sunday school class through the infrequently studied book The Song of Solomon.
- Ava Anderson shared her testimony with the Middle School students on Sunday.
- Ishi had been praying about where to spend her time most effectively and decided to increase her volunteer time at Eleos to twice per week. Was offered a paying job!

Closing Prayer: Ishi Stackpole

Meeting adjourned: 7:27 pm

Next Meeting: 13 Mar 2018 at 6 pm -- Combine meeting with Elders

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Taylor
Clerk of Deacons

Mary Lancaster
Vice Moderator