

Deacon Minutes – Approved
11 Sep 2018

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

Absent: Debbie Ellison, Ishi Stackpole, Ethan Funk

Opening Prayer: Ritchey Cable, Mary Lancaster

Meeting Opened: 6:33 pm (Joint); 7:39 pm (Deacon)

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

Joint Meeting

- Announcements
 - Important to RSVP for meetings so host can have an accurate count for dinner
 - 9 Teams are vying for tables on Sunday Morning and a piece of the communications cards. Please coordinate with Caitlin.
- Budgets
 - Begin to think/pray about upcoming ministry budget for 2019
 - What kind of ministry you may want to start or expand
 - Budgets will be due around end of Nov
 - Budget request instructions forthcoming
 - Stewardship campaign will begin late Sep/Oct
- Volunteers
 - Consider what type of volunteers your ministry needs to do the work of the ministry
 - How should we advertise for volunteers
 - Members are looking for ways and want to get involved
 - Need expert users for CCB
 - AI: Cindy to “Share” HelpNet spreadsheet to Session and Deacons from DropBox
- Communication
 - Please respond to email requests for information, even if you don’t have an answer for the request
 - No communication isn’t good communication
 - We represent the congregation and the church, we need to communicate

Pastor’s Report

- Gospel Shaped Mercy by Stephen Um – Love
 - Love
 - 1 John gives us a binary way of seeing the world. People are either ‘of the evil one’ or ‘of God’.
 - In the long term yes, and probably in this life also, but we may not be able to judge that ourselves
 - Actions may depend on whether they are of God or not
 - God restrains us from doing evil
 - Bottom line: We must be motivated to love others through the Gospel
 - Empathy
 - Willingness to set aside self-interests in order to enter into another’s pain
 - Can get messy
 - Hard to show empathy to ‘enemies’ or those who may not look like us
 - Easier when you develop a relationship with them
 - Christ is our motivation (v. 16)
 - **AI:** Prepare to discuss Mercy (Sections 4) for next meeting
- Other
 - Names of new cleaning companies will be submitted to Property Team
 - Current company is not cleaning all areas
 - Caleb Mason is planning a Family Serve Day on 10 Nov 2018
 - Deep Cleaning of the church
 - Property/Helps Teams should walk through the property and see what areas could use some work (need jobs list)
 - Cleaning supplies will be provided

Team Reports

- **Coordinating**
 - See report
 - Reminder for KCPD safety program on 20 Sep 2018 @ 6:30 pm
 - For leadership
 - Approximately 1 hour
 - Covering Awareness and Basic Response to threats
 - Girl Scouts under new leadership
 - Would like to help with Conversations
 - 17 October
- **Finance**
 - See report
 - Slightly behind in giving, but weekly average is up over \$400/wk
 - Thinking about possibility of a Capital Campaign
 - Session would drive the process
 - A campaign would need a purpose (specific objective)
- **Helps**
 - No report

- The 4th week of Coffee Service has been filled with volunteers
- Other areas going well
- Team needs to submit a report from their e-meeting notes
- **Mercy**
 - see report
 - Care Team making great progress
- **Property**
 - No report
 - Bids received from 3 roofing companies
 - Presented to Finance and Session after joint meeting
 - Premier Co to be offered job
 - Session approved \$99,480, which will come from cash reserves
 - Work should begin soon and take approximately 3 weeks
 - Should add ≥ 20 years to the life of the roof
 - All windows in the Ministry Center have been repaired
 - Other upcoming jobs
 - Filling cracks in the parking lot
 - Sealing patio to keep in warranty
 - Painting around doors downstairs, not to include the Children's Ministry doors

Old Business

- Shelter Team Update
 - Team has formed and met to discuss plan for Sojourners that are using GEPC property as a place to live including:
 - Policy
 - Procedures for Office Staff and other volunteers/members when encountering these visitors
 - Signage
 - Intervention
 - Newer problem for the Northland, which does not have the same Social Work support as does Jackson County
 - Ministry opportunity to both the visitors and neighbors.
 - Overall advised from others with more experience is to not let them stay overnight in our shelter or on our property.
 - Working on verbiage for signs.
 - Have installed a camera on the East wall of the Ministry Center pointing at the Shelter. Have plans for others around the property, including the basketball court.
- Monitors in Lobby
 - Early, possibly not official, policy on use of monitor developed by Marilyn used for directional purposes

- Monitor, bulletin boards and use of back of communications cards policy/procedures should be developed
 - Coordinating Team and Caitlin

New Business

- Member in need of a car for transportation.
 - Needs to have low cost with possible financing
 - Having difficulty helping find leads on vehicle
 - Contact Aaron K. to check on his contacts

WOW reports

- Gracie S., now doing well and loving college
- Teri B., last scan for prior lung cancer came back clear
- Recent death of young mom emphasized how GEPC teams/members come together to participate in the care of a grieving family, a task that often is carried alone by the pastor(s). This young family had the Outreach Team/Relationships Team/Discipleship Team as their point of entry. Worship Team available to support a last minute need at the funeral. Mercy Team tended to family care issues. Property, Finance and Helps also played huge role with last minute details. As a pastor, the way came together was very exciting. The family plans to continue to be part of GEPC.

Closing Prayer: Ritchey (Joint), Ritchey (Deacon)
Meeting adjourned: 7 pm (Joint), 8:47 (Deacon)
Next Meeting: 9 Oct 2018 at 5:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Taylor
Clerk of Deacons

Mary Lancaster
Vice Moderator