

Deacon Minutes Approved
12 February 2019

Present: Teri Burgen, Marion Lynn, Cindy Taylor, Steve Stalder, Rob Stegeman, Ishi Stackpole, Jim Lorenzetti, and Pastor Cable

Absent: Pam Parker, Debbie Ellison, Dennis King

Opening Prayer: Ritchey Cable

Meeting Opened: 5:50 p.m.

- Quorum established.
- January 2019 Deacon Minutes: Approved as written. Ordered to be sent out to the Deacons, Session and Office Staff.

Pastor's Report

- Gospel Shaped Mercy by Stephen Um – Diversity
 - Revelation 7:9-14 paints a great picture of diversity.
 - Who is your neighbor in this session?
 - One who is far off – not like you
 - Those with whom you feel uncomfortable
 - In the Revelation passage, everyone retains their uniqueness with all cultures are included
 - Reflects creativity, character and image of God
 - Image bearers coming together (unity) reflecting different aspects of God (not all like us)
 - Shalom question: Is there a neighbor you could be better to?
 - Example: Salt, Sugar, Brown Sugar
 - Salt and Sugar look the same but are drastically different
 - Sugar and Brown Sugar are elementally the same, but look different
 - Often people will associate those that look like them and hurt those that are the same but look different (eg Christians).
 - This study will be the basis of upcoming Conversations
- Other
 - Marion has been assigned to the HelpsTeam and Jim assigned to the Finance Team. All other team assignments stay the same.
 - **AI:** Marion should be expecting an email from Rachael regarding the children serving Sunday, please coordinate with Linda Reeve (FirsTeam)

Team Reports

- **Coordinating**
 - No report at this time
 - Marion has volunteered to be the Deacon representative for the Personnel Team

- **Finance**
 - December appeal to the congregation for extra funds was successful
 - New budget was reviewed with a 4.1% increase over last year
 - Anonymous donation was made to each of the Pastors -- Thank you!
 - Next meeting of Finance Team will be March 6th.
 - What can the Deacon representatives to the Finance Team do for the teams?
 - Possibly send out I & Os to each team at the end of each month so they don't need to track it down themselves?
 - This is particularly important for the Mercy Fund Board and Property Team

- **Helps**
 - See report
 - 3 couples have volunteered for the Coffee Team
 - Problem with people filling out the back of the communications card but not being contacted
 - Who is supposed to be checking the back of the communication card to be sure that what is being volunteered for is actually getting to the correct person?
 - **AI:** Cindy to check on procedure for the follow up of the Communications cards

- **Mercy**
 - see report
 - Pam Parker taking over as Moderator
 - Future plans include Luncheon for the shut ins and other seniors here at the church to fellowship with those they did ministry with for years.
 - Idea introduced by Care Team
 - Plan for Spring time

- **Property**
 - See report
 - Met 28 Jan
 - Will be forwarding to Coordinating Team additional duties for Facility manager to include checking various areas in the church for cleanliness and function

- Discussed budget and sorted through projects that are planned for in the budget and those that would need to be paid for by Capital Campaign

Old Business

- Finance line item explanations
 - Helps Team submitted theirs to Emily
 - Other teams need to be sure theirs are sent in

New Business

- Teri's last Deacon meeting...a replacement has been found.

WOW reports/Prayer Requests

- Gracie S. has been pain free for 2 months
- During recent ice storm day, Ishi was working at Eleos, which had very few customers. Was able to witness one on one faith conversations between owner Dan and Phil with various customers over the course of the day.
- Carol Bryan, who clearly loves the Lord, and is doing a wonderful job teaching both the daytime and night Precepts classes.
- Prayer request for Kyrie, a kindergarten student of Courtney T., is struggling with behavior issues. Please pray for Kyrie who has daily outbursts of anger/meanness towards school, Courtney and now other students; Courtney for patience, endurance and ability to show God's love to this difficult child, the school staff and the dad/stepmom to find appropriate help for this child.

Closing Prayer: Ritchey Cable

Meeting adjourned: 6:58 pm

Next Meeting: 12 March 2019 at 5:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Taylor
Clerk of Deacons

Rob Stegeman
Moderator