

Deacon Minutes un-Approved
11 Jun 2019

Present: Pam Parker, Debbie Ellison, Marion Lynn, Cindy Taylor, Rob Stegeman, Ishi Stackpole, Jim Lorenzetti, Dennis King and Michael Morefield

Absent: Steve Stalder and Pastor Cable

Opening Prayer: Marion Lynn

Meeting Opened: 5:45 p.m.

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

Pastor's Report

- Love Thy Neighbor teaching (JL) – Luke 10:25-37
 - What does loving our neighbor do for us?
 - Enriches our lives
 - Enriches our relationship with God
 - Reveals our shortcomings
 - First, we need to “see” our neighbor and his need
 - The priest, Levite and Samaritan each saw the man
 - The sight triggered different reactions in each (? fear, lesser status, inconvenience, etc)
 - Must see your neighbor as Jesus sees him
 - We are all image bearers of God and have value, just as our neighbors do
 - God values our neighbors, so we also should love and care for them
 - God's love for us and loving our neighbor as ourself are both agape type love
 - Empathy
 - Compassion + action
 - Closing the gap between God's love for others and ours
 - Jesus used empathy for us to draw closer to him. Hebrews 4:15-16
 - Must look not only to physical and emotional needs, but also spiritual needs
- Other
 - Nothing to report
 - Michael busy, but doing well

- Offered pastoral support as needed

Team Reports

- **Coordinating**
 - See report
 - Suggested change of next combined meeting from Aug to July for updated Safety and Security training for leadership – ok'd by Deacons
 - 9 Jul 2019 at 6 pm
 - Deacons hosting
 - Dave Smith and Dennis King will provide training
 - Refrigerator for Fellowship Hall
 - Request must come from the Relationship Team
 - Must approve funding from their budget
 - Requests must not come from individual members of the team
- **Finance**
 - See report
 - Budget behind expected for this time of year largely due to decline in giving
 - Possible reasons
 - Changes in tax laws
 - End of year giving
 - 13-year comparison between 2004 and 2016
 - Decrease in weekly giving
 - Increase in annual giving
 - FT will be sending out an informative letter to IRA eligible members to share the benefits of spreading out their giving to monthly or quarterly instead of annually
 - Also looking at options targeting electronic giving
- **Helps**
 - See report
 - Still need a replacement for Glenn Tott on Chair Team
 - Please send ideas to Chris Stackpole
 - Got one volunteer from the communications card, but is only for the summer
 - Re-shape
 - Marion has contacted Mark Blakley but has not yet received a list of volunteers and their giftedness
 - **AI:** Dennis King will request from Emily a list of names of the newcomers for the past 2 years and where they are best suited

- **Mercy**
 - see report
 - Senior Summer Bash is scheduled for tomorrow at noon
 - Binny, Connie, Sandi organizing and cooking
 - 42 participants signed up
- **Property**
 - Looking at policies
 - Looking at changes for nursery
 - Need the teams to run ideas for physical changes to the property by the Property Team
 - They will help in the planning stages
 - Help with the bidding process
 - Make sure changes compatible with structure
 - Been discussing Capital Campaign and making lists
 - Approved purchase of a tractor for the mow team
 - Cleaning crew has been hired

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Chris Stackpole has a donor who has pledged \$5000 for replacement of chairs in the MC
 - Chris should talk with Jim L. to be sure the check gets earmarked properly for this purpose
 - Chris will need to talk with Rob S. concerning type of chairs to be purchased
- A funding campaign for “The Author” movie by Ritchey Cable has until 30 June to allow the movie to be made. If interested, information is available at theauthormovie.com

WOW reports/Prayer Requests

- Sunday, 4 vans full of high school students will be travelling to North Carolina. Prayers requested for safe travel, spiritual growth, memorable experiences and fun.
- Providential timing bringing Rob S. to St Luke’s cardiology team for stenting of coronary artery before damage to the heart.
- Praise that Cindy’s mom has had medicines adjusted and pacemaker placed. She is doing and feeling better than she has in years.
- God’s hand was definitely in the finding of an assisted living facility for Chris’ mom.
- Prayer request for a friend of Debbie E. who had cancer surgery today, only to find the cancer was not contained as was thought. Will need to undergo chemo and radiation treatments.

- Prayers for the Cable Family as they spend time at a family camp this week.

Closing Prayer: Rob Stegeman

Meeting adjourned: 7:40 pm

Next Meeting: 9 Jul 2019 at 6 pm Joint meeting with the Session

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Taylor
Clerk of Deacons

Rob Stegeman
Moderator