

Deacon Minutes Approved
9 Jul 2019

Present: Pam Parker, Marion Lynn, Cindy Taylor, Rob Stegeman, Ishi Stackpole, and Jim Lorenzetti

Absent: Debbie Ellison, Steve Stalder, Dennis King and Pastor Cable

Opening Prayer: Cindy Taylor

Meeting Opened: 7:40 p.m. (After joint meeting)

- Quorum established.
- June 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 23: 32-34
 - Tabled until next month due to Security Training
- Security Training (combined meeting with Session)
 - Overview
 - Security Team formed approximately a year ago
 - Mission: Make sure the congregation and those that are on the campus are safe without distraction to worship and ministries
 - Team members
 - Dennis King
 - Dave Smith
 - LeAnn Smith
 - Rob Stegeman
 - Don Vande Polder
 - Aaron Kleinmeyer
 - Further training for leadership, including modules and role play, will be coming
 - A lot of security has already taken place and is continuing behind the scenes
 - Training
 - Cameras
 - Incident Log
 - Policy
 - GEPC will follow the Missouri Statute 571.107 regarding carrying weapons on campus
 - Law enforcement are the only ones designated to carry on campus

- Those who are noticed to be carrying who are not in law enforcement will be asked to put the weapon in the glovebox of their car while on campus
 - FirstTeam may refer these situations to a Deacon or Elder
- Active Shooter incidents in churches
 - 90% of shooters are church members, regular attenders or someone associated with the church or its membership
 - 75% start in the parking lot
- Numbers to know
 - Non-Emergency – put in phone
 - 234-5111 KCPD
 - If you see anything on campus that is illegal in any way
 - Emergency – 911 (Life threatening events)
 - On Call Security team
 - Schedule will be forthcoming
 - Call after calling police
 - Security Team will follow up with police
- Awareness
 - Be aware of surrounding and what is going on
 - Shake hands, make eye contact and ask names of those who you do not know
 - Know your flock!
 - Close doors during meetings as another barrier between you and intruder
 - Fire extinguishers make great defense weapons
 - Pull the pin, aim and squeeze to spray the target
 - Once empty you can hit target with heavy can
 - Scenarios are being developed for further training
- Weather related emergencies
 - Safe areas in the church
 - Lower level classrooms (108/109/110) and bathrooms
 - Main level choir room, Fellowship Hall and bathrooms
 - Last resort center aisle of the Sanctuary (get down)
- Other important information
 - AED by Office
 - Fire alarms by each exit door
 - Fire extinguishers every 70 feet – know where they are!

Team Reports

- **Coordinating**
 - See report

- **Finance**
 - See report
 - Budget continuing to move in a negative direction, but at a slower pace
 - Expenses have decreased
 - Offerings are still down
 - Question of whether it is the giving or timing
 - Weekly giving down 50%
 - Annual giving up 3X
 - Sending letters to those who are giving annually due to tax benefit to see if they will increase frequency
- **Helps**
 - See report
 - Attendance card request for volunteers yielded no results
 - No list of new members with gifts related to Helps received from Emily
- **Mercy**
 - see report
 - Senior Summer Bash was a great success
 - 30+ participants
 - Plan to repeat unless Relationships team takes over the event
- **Property**
 - See report
 - Process for submitting a non-budgeted proposal for Property Team
 - Present proposal to property team for approval
 - Then will need to present proposal to Session for funding
 - Preferred method would be to present need to Property team in fall so they can put it in their budget for the following year
 - Steps to improve slope for front walkway will fall under Capital Campaign
 - Semi opaque film will be added to some glass doorways/windows for added security

Old Business

- Ministry Center chairs
 - No new information on the donation
 - Property team would like estimate on cost to replace all the chairs at once
- The Author Movie did not make funding goal.

New Business

- Shelter team went down to Eleos to talk with Dan and Phil on their ministry and came back with several take-aways regarding those who use our shelter

- If you are going to chase away people, chase them away with the gospel
- Nothing good will come from letting people camp overnight
- Offer something specific, an event (like an invitation to Conversations), to invite them to
 - Relationship is a deep need for these folks, not stuff
 - Engage them in a meaningful way
- Other ways to engage the neighborhood were discussed
 - Invite to food event – Hot dog roast/BBQ
 - Back to school carnival
 - Morning donuts and coffee stand
 - Kids program in December to allow parents to Christmas shop (free babysitting)
 - Events would be under the purview of the Relationships team or Outreach Team
 - Ideas should be presented to the teams by those who are most passionate about event

WOW reports/Prayer Requests

- Marion traveled with 22 kids and 6 adults on the Youth Campout and had some amazing experiences
 - 400 students at the camp were awake and ready for worship every morning at 7:30
 - Friday night, the door opener was late, but 39 kids without their leaders were waiting for worship to begin
 - During the Thursday and Friday night devotion time with GEPC kids, one of the students asked if they could pair up and pray for each other
 - While on the road, a wrong turn was made and a stop at a gas station was needed. A woman at the gas station had a dead battery and the group was able to help her get her car started. During the experience they found out that she was on her way to the hospital as they were about to take her granddaughter off life support and the group was able to pray for/with her.
- Ishi has been blessed with a new accountability partner who requested her unexpectedly. She is one that you would not expect to need this kind of support as she has been in ministry since age 12. Having awesome meetings.

Closing Prayer: Rob Stegeman
 Meeting adjourned: 8:33 pm
 Next Meeting: 13 Aug 2019 at 5:45

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Taylor
 Clerk of Deacons

Rob Stegeman
 Moderator