

Deacon Minutes Approved
10 Dec 2019

Present: Marion Lynn, Cindy Taylor, Debbie Ellison, Steve Stalder, Ishi Stackpole, Larry Anderson, Mary Lancaster, Jim Lorenzetti and Pastor Cable

Absent: Pam Parker, Dennis King, Rob Stegeman, and Wes Langford

Opening Prayer: Cindy Taylor

Meeting Opened: 5:48 p.m.

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

Pastor's Report

- Moderator and Clerk roles discussed and elections for new year conducted
 - Moderator Elect – Mary Lancaster
 - Vice Moderator Elect – Marion Lynn
 - Clerk Elect – Jim Lorenzetti
- Team positions discussed
 - Losing Deacons on Mercy, Finance and Property
 - Roy Stewart has withdrawn his nomination for Deacon leaving open spot
 - Options for replacing empty Deacon position (2 year term)
 - Leave open til next year's selections (making 1 year term)
 - Request list of potential Deacons from Nominating Team for review and ask that one be considered earlier to fill the vacancy
 - Provide Nominating Team with potential candidates for them to consider
 - **AI:** Steve Stalder to contact Peter Marshall to discuss the above options.
 - Following this, a conference call between the Deacons and Nominating Team should be conducted to address need
 - Team Selection
 - Combination of Deacon interest and Team needs
 - Need for the right Deacon to be on Property Team discussed
 - Large time commitment
 - Should have some understanding of property issues, provide oversight to team, be an intermediary between PT and Diaconate
 - Consider shadowing Rob for a year prior to transition to Chair position
- Emily will be transitioning to a new role. This is her last week at GEPC

- Job interview this week
 - 3 solid candidates
 - Hope to have new staff start early in the new year

Team Reports

- **Coordinating**
 - No report
- **Finance**
 - Unofficial report
 - Operating budget:
 - End Sep down \$76K; End Nov down \$56K
 - Net Deficit
 - End Sep down \$92K; End Nov down \$72K
 - FT will have one more update announcement this Sunday to encourage a balanced budget by the end of the year
- **Helps**
 - See report
 - Sarah Sporer has shared drawings for new coffee service
 - Testing different layouts during Sunday morning fellowship
 - Worship and Coordinating Teams are organizing
 - Want Daily Service for anyone who comes in
 - Helps has shared concerns with logistics
 - Upstairs kitchen is in constant need
 - Used by many throughout the church
 - Cleaning is a big issue
 - Still needs “Makeover”, but whose budget is it coming from?
 - Felt it should be Relationships team
 - Possible Capital Campaign, but may be too late
 - Relationship Team pushing for updates in Fellowship Hall
 - Prayer offered by Ishi for Helps Team
- **Mercy**
 - see report
 - Turkey Treaters a success with great feedback
- **Property**
 - John Wopata and many helpers converted church to LED lighting
 - Saved much money with rebates from KCP&L
 - Contractor changed out fluorescent tubes for \$0
 - Sanctuary, MC and Parking lot all with enhanced lighting before end of year (deadline for rebates)
 - Pothole near easternmost entrance off 81st St has been professionally repaired

- Purchased zero-turn Kubota mower for \$6K financed at 0% interest over 3 years
- Waterpipe break in lower level
 - Rapid cleanup by Top Shelf Cleaning
 - Anti microbial product applied to wet carpets
- Team in need of more retirees
- Sarah Sporer has joined the Property Team

Old Business

- None

New Business

- CCB training in January
 - Dates TBD but either the 19th or 26th
 - All Deacons and Elders invited
 - Bring Laptop
- 1st Quarter Joint meeting will be hosted by Deacons
 - Plan for February
 - Debbie E. volunteered to organize

WOW reports/Prayer Requests

- Answer to prayer: Aviel, who struggles with sleep, was able to sleep well during naptime, allowing Ishi to complete some work and personal time
- Budget Deficit down \$20K in last 2 months
- Men's Dinner and a Movie (30+ men), and Women's Tea (powerful) were both very nice representations of the meaning of the season of Christmas
- John Wopata's oversight of the Lighting change over at GEPC
- Prayer requests for:
 - Emily in new job search
 - Our members who are sick and hospitalized
 - Cindy and Chris to Michigan to move Chris's mom to Missouri
 - Rob's brother

Closing Prayer: Jim Lorenzetti

Meeting adjourned: 8:08 pm

Next Meeting: 14 Jan 2020 at 5:45 in Reception Room

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Taylor
Clerk of Deacons

Mary Lancaster
Moderator-Elect