

**Deacon's Board Meeting
April 11, 2016**

At 7:30 p.m. Moderator Tom Parker called the meeting to order. Rev. Richard Miller addressed the Board to encourage everyone to attend the next Session meeting on April 18. The Envision 20/20 group will be presenting their first framework that has come from their meetings and discussions about the future of the church. All church leaders are asked to attend, listen, comment and ask questions. Session meeting starts at 7 p.m. in Von Maur Hall. Deacons meeting was opened with devotions from Cindy Schalk.

Moderator attendance for April 2016

P	Tom Parker
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Board of Deacons Attendance for February

	Class of 2016		Class of 2017		Class of 2018
E	Dan Bowerman	P	Meredith Ellard	P	Brock Earnhardt, Jr.
P	Kathy Bowerman	P	Rosemary Jamison	P	Bob Lehnherr
E	Mia Carr	P	Margarette Johnson		
P	Steve Earp	P	Steve Johnson	P	Jennifer Peters
E	Jeff Gomez	P	Kurt Schreiner	E	Lawanda Roudebush
E	Wendy Hammen	A	Sharon Simmonds	P	Cindy Schalk
E	Dawn Hickenbottom	P	Michelle Sinclair	P	Cassie Woods
A	Sue Page	P	Doug Wells		
P	Ann Schwister	E	Ruth Smit		
P	Diane Schreiner				

P= present, E= excused, A= absent

A quorum was present.

Sign-up sheet for helping serve at the Salvation Army went around.

Review and unanimous approval of the minutes from the March meeting without corrections.

A discussion about the upcoming All Church Picnic, scheduled for June 12. A decision was made for the Deacons to provide hot dogs and hamburgers, plates, napkins and drinks. There is a line in the budget for picnic expenses. The congregation will be asked to provide side dishes and desserts. Tom will contact current and past Deacons to see if they have insights as not many of the current board have been involved with the planning of the picnic. Deacon Cassie Woods agreed to have a few activities for children.

Committee Reports:

Outreach: Diane Schreiner reported that a total of \$245 and 77 items were collected in February, and \$290 and 115 items were collected in March for the Food Pantry.

A group of congregational members has been set up to help with the Wednesday night Boys and Girls Club meal. So far there have been no problems to report. This group will serve thru the end of the school year, then a new schedule will be made for the fall.

Outreach and other Deacon members cooked, wrapped and served 1000 hot dogs for the PUNCH Easter Egg Hunt on March 24. Moderator Parker provided a slide show of photos from the cooking and the Egg Hunt at Cork Hill Park. A good time was had by all and First Pres will commit to 1000 Weiner Saturday in 2017.

Outreach will be asking the congregation for donations of money to buy flats of annual flowers to beautify 2 plant beds on Kirkwood Blvd. The city will be dropping off mulch sometime in May and volunteers will be needed to help clean up and plant the beds.

Muffy Ellard sent around a sign-up sheet to help serve at the Salvation Army once a month.

Pastoral Care: Steve Johnson reported 15 men were at the recent Men's Breakfast & program. The Women's Retreat will be held at the church on Sept. 24 with program, activities and child care. A pastor from the Iowa Presbytery is scheduled to speak.

Homecoming dinner is scheduled for Oct. 3.

Mission Connection: Cindy Schalk reported that the committee heard from Ted Brown about the ongoing mission work on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. The committee will be discussing next month about continuing that support.

Deacons Endowment Fund: Brock Earnhardt reported that the committee is expecting 2 new members to be appointed soon. Once they have been selected, the committee will meet to see if an open enrollment period should be held.

Other business:

Moderator Parker had a discussion on evaluating the current Deacons criteria for funding requests. The criteria was set in 2012 (see attached) . Tom would like to review and re-examine them and see how they fit in with the Envision 20/20 framework for the future of the church. Following next week's Session meeting, Tom would like all Deacons to examine where our funding, time and talents are going and how that relates to the direction the church will take in the next few years. The goal will be to refresh the criteria now, and then incorporate into budget planning for next year.

Moderator Parker also strongly encouraged Deacons to contact him and their committee chairs if they are unable to attend the monthly meeting.

A short review of the March Session meeting was presented. Tom Parker will attend and report for the Deacons at the April Session meeting.

No snacks in May.

Meeting was closed at 8 p.m. with a prayer from Cindy Schalk

Submitted by:
Diane Schreiner