

Deacon's Board Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2017

At 7:30 p.m. Moderator Parker called the meeting to order

Moderator in Attendance

P	Tom Parker
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Pastor in Attendance

E	Rev. Richard Miller
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Deacons in Attendance

Class of 2017		Class of 2018		Class of 2019	
P	Meredith Ellard (OR)	P	Brock Earnhardt, Jr (DEF)	A	Melissa Calhoun (OR)
P	Rosemary Jamison (MC)	P	Bob Lehnherr (OR)	P	Jonathan Cracraft (PCSD)
A	Margarette Johnson (PCSD)	P	Jennifer Peters (OR)	P	Traci Cracraft (PCSD)
A	Steve T. Johnson (PCSD)	A	Tracy Riedesel (PCSD)	P	Pat Cresap (PCSD)
P	Kurt Schreiner (OR)	A	LaWanda Roudebush (PCSD)	P	Pamela Ford (PCSD)
P	Sharon Simmonds (MC)	P	Cindy Schalk (MC)	P	Debbie Keenan (OR)
A	Michele Sinclair (OR)	E	Cassie Woods (MC)	P	Bev Koos (PCSD)
P	Doug Wells (OR)			A	Terry Ousley (PCSD)
				P	Cathy Pratscher-Woods (OR)
				A	Elisabeth Riedesel (OR)
				P	Kate Wells (OR)P
				P	Helen Wols (OR)

A quorum was present.

P= present, E= excused, A= absent

Minutes for the June 12th meeting were approved (There was no July meeting).

Thank you notes from Camp Wyoming and

There were no sign-up sheets to route.

Committee Reports:

Outreach Committee

- We collected \$705 for the Food Pantry in July – a very healthy number!
- We served 52 Salvation Army meals in July
- Food Pantry item collection was very healthy as well (exact number not known)
- Two requests came in from various sources requiring follow-up:
 - Auggie student project leveraging free testing for lead paint in the neighborhood
 - Request for participation in Walk for Life (OR Committee has suggested we decline to participate due to such close proximity to the CROP walk)
- Up-coming OR activities
 - Homework helpers starts up in a few weeks
 - Mark Jones reorganized the area – THANK YOU to him, it's wonderful!
 - We're in need of new tutors. See Meredith Ellard
 - October 1 – CROP Walk
 - Angel Tree program in November

Pastoral Care and Spiritual Development

- The first Congregational River Bandits event was held on July 22nd. Attendance was light but organizers felt we should try it again next year to develop a pattern and maybe change the time of the summer and advertise more.
- September 9th Women's Retreat – All preparation is complete
- October 1st Homecoming Dinner – Almost all preparation is complete.
- There will be another Men's Breakfast sometime in November – details TBD

Mission Connection

- Three MC Committee members attended the Meet and Greet event held for Veda Gill of the Pakistani Pasrur Christian School for Boys on Friday, June 30th. They were very impressed with Veda and her mission and have formally proposed adding a line item to the 2018 Deacons budget to financially support this global mission
- Craig Foster and Cindy Schalk gave a full account of their June trip to Guatemala that included a summary of the various activities, interactions, involvements, and acquaintances. They were particularly impressed with warmth and graciousness of the people they met and with the accountability and traceability of funds that they experienced
- AMKA disbursement has been approved (a couple weeks late)
- The next Tabatha's Circle meeting is August 20th
- Keep an eye on FPC's bulletin! The next PCUSA Special Offering will be featured in the near future

Deacons Endowment Fund

- It was reported that the endowment fund balance decreased more than was expected. Brock and Shannon are looking into the issue.
- Two applications were received for potential DEF project approval in May. The DEF Board met on June 7th at the church to discuss each. Follow-up to questions for both projects are in process.

Old business:

- The group finished the task of reviewing program rankings
 - Several rankings of different programs were adjusted based on changes that have been made over the last year. One example would be where we increased the Humility of Mary Program's ranking for *Fit with Envision 20/20* based on the Paper Hearts activity that was implemented last February. This begins to close the opportunity gap for more physical involvement in the program, so we bumped the ranking for that criteria up.
 - Overall, about one-third of the programs had changes
 - CROP Walk was added as a program, bringing the total to 32
 - All programs were re-ranked to include a component of emotional support and spiritual development. This had a particularly dramatic impact on some of the Pastoral Care and Spiritual Development programs, some of which moved from the bottom tier to the top tier of Program Rankings!

New business:

- Key items from the August Deacons Exec meeting
 - A preliminary budget is in the process of being reviewed with a goal of making a rough draft available to Shannon by the end of August
 - PCAD Committee personnel change: Margaret and Steve Johnsons are leaving going off Deacons early. Pat Cresap and one other person (to be announced soon) will be taking over as co-chairs of that committee.
- Moderator Parker informed the group about the No Hate Rally to be held on Wednesday, August 16th at 12:15 at the fountain in Vanderveer Park. Everyone is invited to attend.

The meeting was closed at 8:45 PM by Moderator Parker.

Next Deacon's meeting will be Monday, September 11th, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by Tom Parker