

**Deacons of the Whole Minutes  
February 10, 2014**

**Present:** J Gomez, K Middleton, B Rickert, J Stensrud, P Eshelman, L Roudebush, P Burnett, W Hammen, L Boyer, D Bowerman, K Bowerman, T Brown, C Gowan, T Gowan, A Schwister, K Ruitter, D Beshears, S Kardel, S Sherwood, J Woods, S Earp, J Roseman, D Hickenbottom, G Yingling, D Schreiner, R Kane

**Excused:** L Larson, E Schmidt, M Carr

**Absent:** T Lopez, J Henneman, C Tinsman, E Riedesel (not installed yet)

**Opening Devotions:** L Roudebush

**Snacks:** B Rickert

**Sign-up sheets** were passed for rides to church for the McDonalds and review of In Touch.

Review of January minutes-approved.

**Correspondence:**

Thank you notes were received from: Food Pantry, Churches United, Humility of Mary, Boys and Girls Club, Re-Member, Christian Care, Sacred Heart

**Executive Committee Report**

- Committees should check the Operations Manual and the Long-Range Plan which is now available online. Evaluate the work being done currently. Does it meet the goals set out when the plan was written 7 years ago?
- Richard Miller discussed the prayer vigil to remember victims of gun violence that he is proposing. The goal is to hold the candlelight vigils on the last Sunday of each month, on the Kirkwood Blvd, in the evening with the first one in March.

**Outreach Committee**

- Salvation Army meal site served 70.
- Food pantry donations included 114 items and \$261.
- Prayer Vigil - added that Rev Miller will be seeking commitments from P.U.N.CH and that the vigil will last about 30 minutes.

**Pastoral Care and Spiritual Development**

- Women's Retreat-last sign up will be Sunday, February 16. Retreat will be February 28-March 1.
- Men's Retreat—Suggestions for activity/presenters are needed.
- In Touch-Current list of volunteers and their In Touch person was passed for additions or corrections.

**Mission Connection**

- Sewing party for Little Dresses for Africa will be Sunday, February 16 at noon. Lunch provided. Bring own sewing machine.

- May be placing olive oils and Peace Coffee in the glass case in Fellowship Hall in order to add visibility to their availability.
- AMKA presented adult ed. class 2 weeks ago.
- Kids Against Hunger sign-ups will be soon. Teams of 12 will package nutritionally balanced meals March 23-24-25-26. Cost will be approx. \$30-\$35 per person. Sponsors may donate funds so someone else can participate.

**Endowment Fund** - no report

**Other Business**

- All Deacons are asked to send contact info to Tammy so she can prepare an updated Deacon Roster.
- We need a secretary for Board of Deacons. All were asked to prayerfully consider this request.

**Session Report**

- Session is working on budget details which will be presented at the Congregational Meeting on February 23.
- Same Gender Marriage Committee - Our session will support 2 overtures going to General Assembly.

March 10 opening/closing devotions - Lois Boyer-Fitzpatrick

March 10 snacks - Ted Brown

Closing prayer: L Roudebush

Submitted by:  
Kathy Middleton