

**Deacon's Board Meeting
Jan. 9, 2017**

At 7:35 p.m. Moderator Tom Parker called the meeting to order.

Moderator in attendance

P	Tom Parker
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Pastor in attendance

P	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)	P	Melissa Calhoun (OR)
A	Rosemary Jamison (MC)	P	Bob Lehnherr (OR)	P	Jonathan Cracraft (PCSD)
P	Margarette Johnson (PCSD)	P	Jennifer Peters (OR)	P	Traci Cracraft (PCSD)
P	Steve T. Johnson (PCSD)	A	Tracy Riedesel (PCSD)	P	Pat Cresap (PCSD)
P	Kurt Schreiner (OR)	E	LaWanda Roudebush (PCSD)	p	Pamela Ford (PCSD)
E	Sharon Simmonds (MC)	P	Cindy Schalk (MC)	p	Debbie Keenan (OR)
P	Michele Sinclair (OR)	P	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)
					Helen Wols (OR)

A quorum was present.

P= present, E= excused, A= absent

Moderator Parker opened the meeting with devotion. New members in attendance were welcomed.

Minutes for the December meeting were approved.

Committee Reports:

Outreach: Diane Schreiner reported that Meredith Ellard has agreed to co-chair Outreach until the end of 2017. The other chair will hopefully come from the new class of deacons. Diane showed a poster that will be put in the church to advertise the Paper Hearts toilet paper drive in February. Kurt Schreiner will be giving a Minute for Mission on Jan. 27th. Michele Sinclair has agreed to continue to head up the Food Pantry in 2017. She's thrown out a challenge of 2000 items to be gathered in 2017. Due to some difficulties with the Angel Tree Prison Ministry program, Outreach has agreed to partner with Bethany Children & Families Angel Tree program in 2017. The premise will be the same, and the only change the congregation will notice is that deliveries of gifts will not be allowed. Program heads are needed for each event, and will be discussed at the February committee meeting. The Salvation Army meal site was closed on Jan. 2nd, so no meal was served, however servers and cooks are needed for all of 2017, and a sign-up sheet will be sent around the Deacons.

Pastoral Care: Steve Johnson reported that the committee is working on organizing their projects. And that new committee members are very much needed. The entire committee is down to 3 people.

Mission Connection: Cindy Schalk reported that \$2937 was raised in December for the Seeds for Guatemala fund raiser. A matching gift was donated, to bring the total amount to be sent to ILLUGUA to \$5874. Rev. Pilar visited the committee and gave an update on the deteriorating governmental conditions in Guatemala and the persecution of his people. His life and others who resist the government are constantly threatened. He asked that anyone who wanted to help could write to the U.S. Embassy in Guatemala City and let them know what is happening.

Deacons Endowment Fund: Brock Earnhardt reported that the grant fund has had some slight growth from last month and is at \$5890 for the expendable portion. The grant review board now needs to meet and the open enrollment for grant applications will be March 15-May 15. For new deacons, a short review of what the Endowment Fund is was done by Brock and Tom Parker. Brock made a motion that Marilyn Irwin be appointed to the review committee as a congregational member. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

New business:

Moderator Parker discussed 2 areas that the Board of Deacons will want to focus on for 2017: The congregation, and building connections to the neighborhood. Those were identified in the Envision 20/20 process. Ideas for those goals were listed and discussed at the December meeting, and are still being disseminated. With that in mind Tom will be continuing his conversations with new deacons, and by the February meeting will have them assigned to committees. New members will be notified and should plan to attend their committee's 6:30 meeting on Feb. 13th. Those ideas that the board listed in December will also be further discussed along with input from new deacons.

Committee chairs will have program documentation notes in binders by the February meeting.

December Session notes: Following a rigorous pledge drive, the church budget for 2017 has been met and also the funding for a new associate pastor, for at least 3 years, has also been met.

Meeting was closed with prayer from Cassie Woods.

Next Deacon's meeting will be Monday, Feb. 13th, at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Diane Schreiner