

Deacon's Board Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2018

At 7:35 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 2018		Class of 2019		Class of 2020	
P	Brock Earnhardt, Jr (DEF)	A	Melissa Calhoun (OR)	P	Ted Brown
E	Bob Lehnerr (OR)	P	Jonathan Cracraft (PCSD)	P	Jay Champlin
A	Mason Pedersen (OR)	P	Traci Cracraft (PCSD)	P	Muffy Ellard
E	Jennifer Peters (OR)	P	Pat Cresap (PCSD)	P	Julie Grothusen
A	Tracy Riedesel (PCSD)	P	Pamela Ford (PCSD)	E	Mike Grothusen
A	LaWanda Roudebush (PCSD)	P	Debbie Keenan (OR)	P	Sharon Simmonds
E	Cindy Schalk (MC)	P	Bev Koos (PCSD)	E	Doug Wells
P	Cassie Woods (MC)	P	Terry Ousley (PCSD)	E	Don Wood
		P	Cathy Pratscher-Woods (OR)		
		E	Elisabeth Riedesel (OR)		
		P	Kate Wells (OR)		
		P	Helen Wols (OR)		

A quorum was present.

P= present, E= excused, A= absent

Moderator Parker opened with a devotion centering on new beginnings and based on eight short scriptures from both the Old and New Testaments

Minutes for the December 11th meeting were approved.

Sign-Up Sheets:

- A sign-up sheet for 2018 Communion to the Furthest Pew dates was passed around
- A Deacons roster was passed around to confirming contact information accuracy

Committee Reports:

Outreach Committee

- The 2017 Angel Tree Program was deemed to be very successful. FPC procured a total of 95 gifts
- The Paper Hearts Program has set a goal of collecting 2,000 rolls of toilet paper for Humility of Mary and will be collecting during the entire month of February, 2018. Posters will be going up around the church. Kate Wells – Program contact person
- The Homework Helpers Program is recruiting additional tutors to have as back ups. Recruiting is occurring within the congregation and at local colleges
- No Salvation Army meal was served this month due to the new Year's Holiday

- Julie and Mike Grothusen are the new program contacts for the Food Pantry Program. One change being considered is to collect all year long, not just on the third Sunday of each month
- The Outreach Committee has started planning and coordinating the June 10th Neighborhood Picnic. The committee is enacting several improvements based on last year's feedback and debrief. They include: Renting large event tents, Renting a bounce house, Installing banners to around the church yard two weeks before the event, and having yard signs positioned around the neighborhood. Five sub-committees have been identified: Set-up and Serving, Breakdown & Clean-up, Food procurement and preparation, PR, and Entertainment.

Pastoral Care and Spiritual Development

- The in-touch program has been an area of increased focus for the PCSD Committee. Emphasis is being placed on enriching the experience for both the participant and program contact
- The Spring Men's Breakfast is scheduled for April 7th. The committee is looking at the possibility of asking the owner of the River Bandits to speak. Contact – Terry Ousley
- The inaugural Women's Breakfast is scheduled for April 14th. More information to come. Contact – Pat Cresap
- Health Ministries has taken a complete inventory of all kits and supplies. Several supplies were out of date, some by more than five years. New supplies have been purchased and replenished and a service log has been posted by each kit or AED. Contact – Jonathan Cracraft

Mission Connection

- Tabatha's Circle met yesterday. Attendance was poor due to bad weather but 3+ dresses were still made!
- Kids Against Hunger is scheduled for April 8 – 11. Cassie Woods would like to give a minute for mission on March 25th
- An ILUGUA trip is scheduled for May 19 – 26. Five people have already signed up, none from FPC yet
- Sharon Simmonds is checking with other East Iowa Presbytery contacts regarding the timing of funds for the Pasrur Pakistani School program. She will communicate that information to Shannon Gruhlke

Deacons Endowment Fund

- As of January 8th, 2018, the endowment balance stands at \$51,946.26 and the Grant balance is \$11,581.01, representing a combined annual growth for 2017 of 12.93%

Old business: (NONE)

New business:

- Moderator Parker gave an orientation presentation entitled "The Work of the Deacons at First Pres Davenport" for the new class of 2020

The meeting was closed at 8:10 PM with unison prayer.

The next evening of Deacon's meetings will be on Monday, February 12, 2018 at the usual times & locations.

Respectfully submitted by Tom Parker