

Minutes for Board of Deacons
June 11, 2007

Call to Order: Linda Larson filled in for Jo Johnson as moderator for this meeting. She called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. and Wava Madden led us in a prayer.

Ordination and Installation: Barb Greim and Nolan Petersen were ordained and installed as Deacons at the beginning of our meeting. Congratulations!

Updates:

Go Fish – Hooray!!! We have surpassed our *Go Fish* goal of \$10,000 due to a generous donation! However, the Deacons are not stopping our fundraising efforts for the summer. There is a car wash planned for July that is being organized by the youth of the church. Elise Johnson is coordinating this event. More details will follow. Linda reminded everyone to be brainstorming about a goal or focus for our next year, as we hope to continue with *Go Fish* initiatives. She suggested that we consider a volunteer hours goal, as we will most likely be helping with the building of the Habitat for Humanity house that PUNCH is funding.

Committee Reports:

Outreach: Wava Madden gave the Outreach report.

Scott County Beautification Project – On Saturday, May 19 at 9:00 a.m., First Church members planted three flowerbeds on Kirkwood Boulevard across from the church. The beds look fabulous and will add color to the Kirkwood landscape all summer long.

Deacons' Picnic – The Deacons' Picnic was held on June 3, 2007 after the 10 a.m. church service. In spite of the rain, everyone who attended had a great time.

Boys and Girls Club – The Summer Café began Monday, June 11 and continues through August 10. If you signed up to help, please remember to make it to your shift. \$500.00 will be sent to the Boys and Girls Club for summer activities.

New Outreach Goal Established – The new Outreach committee goal is to strengthen the Involvement Fair in 2008 by coordinating the event with Adult Christian Education.

Mission Connection: Vivian Norton gave the Mission Connection report.

The Guatemala Mission Trip is scheduled for August 4- 11, 2007. There are 12 people going on the trip – 8 from First Presbyterian Church and 4 from Grace Lutheran Church. The committee elected Pam Hoogheem as a committee co-chair, due to Gerry McClure's absence. Vivian requests a Minute for Mission to speak about her mission to Cambodia and the gift that she received on behalf of the church. She will present the special carving piece to the congregation at that time. There is another trip to D'Iberville, Mississippi scheduled for November. The Mission Connection committee approved giving \$400 to Emily Rhinehart for her community service project.

Pastoral Care and Spiritual Development: Linda Larson gave the report.

[Men's' Retreat](#) The Men's Retreat was held on Sunday, June 10th at Palmer Hills Golf Course. There were 27 participants and all had a good time! Congratulations to Tom Van Gerpen and John Driscoll for a very successful event.

[Women's Retreat](#) – Save the Date! The Women's Retreat has been scheduled for January 25-27, 2008 at Sinsinawa Mound Center. They are in the process of researching possible program options and speakers.

[Spiritual Development Scholarship Fund](#) – There was a motion to put aside \$400 from the unrestricted funds to send two children to Camp Wyoming this summer. The motion carried. A second motion was then made to request that \$600 from the Wiebner Fund for Local Mission be diverted in the Local Mission fund and then set aside \$600 for the establishment of the Spiritual Development Scholarship Fund. The purpose of this Scholarship fund is to have funds available for requests for summer youth retreats, camps, and Men and Women's Retreats for those in need of funds. The motion carried.

[Deacons' Corner](#) – The Deacon's Corner in the bulletin has been working very well in sharing and advertising the Deacons' events and services. If you have information to share with the congregation, contact Linda Larson (332-7703) to let her know to put it in the Deacons' Corner.

Deacon Endowment Fund: The DEF will be opened in June and July, so the DEF will begin taking applications for grants. See Bob Carson if you need more information.

Session Report: Wava Madden gave the report for Bob Carson. Bob presented that the Deacons will begin wearing nametags during church services and suggested that the Session do the same.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the May meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report from the month of May was approved.

Other – Emily Rhinehart, an active youth in our congregation, is working on a Community Service project where she will be collecting gently used shoes for orphans in Africa. She needs the Deacons to give official sanction and approval for her project, so that she can go ahead with the project. She would like to have the church's support as she embarks on this project. The motion was approved.

Adjournment: Wava Madden offered a prayer and Linda Larson adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Next Deacon Meeting: July 9 7:30 p.m.

Representative to Session meeting June 18: John Driscoll

Representative to Session meeting July 16: Wava Madden

Snacks for June meeting: Roger Rittmer