

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

**Present:** D Beshears, D Bowerman, K Bowerman, L Boyer-Fitzpatrick, T Brown, P Burnett, S Earp, P Eshelman, J Gomez, W Hammen, D Hickenbottom, R Kane, K Middleton, L Roudebush, K Ruiter, D Schreiner, S Sherwood, J Stensrud, G Yingling

**Excused:** M Carr, T Gowan, C Gowan, S Kardel, L Larson, J Roseman, E Schmidt, A Schwister, J Woods

**Absent:** T Lopez, J Henneman, B Rickert, C Tinsman, E Riedesel

**Opening Devotions:** Lois Boyer-Fitzpatrick

**Snacks:** Ted Brown

**Sign-up sheets** were passed for attendance, rides to church for the McDonalds, PUNCH Easter Egg Hunt volunteers, funeral support, Men's Breakfast, Communion Servers April 6, rides for the Selemani family children, and Kids Against Hunger

Review of February minutes-approved.

**Correspondence**

Thank you notes were received from: Sacred Heart Food Pantry (2), Café on Vine, Churches United (2), and Humility of Mary Shelter.

**Executive Committee Report**

- Kathy Middleton will be serving as Secretary for 2014. She has been doing a fantastic job so far. This leaves Vice-Moderator open for 2014.

**Outreach Committee**

- Salvation Army meal site served 52.
- Food pantry donations included 153 items and \$453.
- Prayer Vigil - first one will be March 30 at 7:30 PM in the west parking lot.
- PUNCH Easter Egg Hunt
  - In addition to volunteers, they have requested 2 bikes for 4 year-old girl and 4 year-old boy - gently used is acceptable.
  - They also requested \$72 from FPC to purchase candy. **Motion made by Deb Beshears to cover this from Outreach funds.**

**Pastoral Care and Spiritual Development**

- Women's Retreat had 15 women attend
  - Very positive response
  - Keep it as a weekend retreat
  - Next year will be April 10-12, 2015 at Camp Shalom with 3 volunteers already signed up to help
- Men's Retreat - April 12, 2014 at FPC from 8-9:30 AM
- In-Touch - Current list has been updated with 3 new members and volunteers

**Mission Connection**

- Plant sale tentatively scheduled for May 18 with plants donated by church members
  - Funds will benefit new, emerging and excellent mission opportunities
- Each mission project is being researched with a report being compiled to include:
  - History of the project with FPC
  - FPC commitments to the project over time

- Future strategies for each project
- Kids Against Hunger signups under way.
  - Teams of 12 will package nutritionally balanced meals March 23-24-25-26.
  - Cost will be \$30-\$35 per person with scholarships available.
  - Throw-down challenge issued by Mission Connection team for Monday March 24. Who will step up to take them on?
- Emerging Mission Project
  - Benefit concert to raise funds for Pine Ridge Clinic
    - October 26, 2014, an Irish trio will perform. Last year's concert was funded by an anonymous donor who paid for the musicians and ticket sales were donated to Pine Ridge.
  - Washington, IL tornado damages
    - Committee will research their ongoing needs
    - Committee will research Bethany Community Church cleanup efforts for tornado relief
  - Richard Miller suggested exploring Presbyterian Disaster Assistance as another conduit to see how this crisis is being funded.
- All mission projects will be reviewed to determine the effectiveness of the projects.

#### **Endowment Fund**

- David Larson will be joining the review board as the Foundation Rep.

#### **Other Business**

- Richard Miller shared information regarding the Selemani family and their readiness to move to another level of self-sufficiency through Habitat for Humanity.
  - Committee is considering land availability issue and possible relocation of our family garden.

#### **Session Report**

- No report.

**Closing prayer:** Lois Boyer-Fitzpatrick

Submitted by:  
Kathy Middleton, Secretary