

# Deacon's Board Meeting Minutes

March 12, 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
P	Bob Lehnerr (OR)	E	Jonathan Cracraft (PCSD)	A	Jay Champlin
A	Mason Pedersen (OR)	P	Traci Cracraft (PCSD)	P	Muffy Ellard
P	Jennifer Peters (OR)	P	Pat Cresap (PCSD)	P	Julie Grothusen
E	Tracy Riedesel (PCSD)	P	Pamela Ford (PCSD)	P	Mike Grothusen
P	LaWanda Roudebush (PCSD)	P	Debbie Keenan (OR)	P	Sharon Simmonds
E	Cindy Schalk (MC)	P	Bev Koos (PCSD)	P	Doug Wells
P	Cassie Woods (MC)	P	Terry Ousley (PCSD)	E	Don Wood
		P	Cathy Pratscher-Woods (OR)		
		E	Elisabeth Riedesel (OR)		
		E	Kate Wells (OR)		
		P	Helen Wols (OR)		

A quorum was present.

P= present, E= excused, A= absent

Moderator Parker opened by reading Psalm 145: 13-21 and Psalm 121: 1-8.

Minutes for the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

## Sign-Up Sheets:

- An attendance sheet was passed around
- A sign-up sheet for 2018 Communion to the Farthest Pew dates was passed around
- A sign-up sheet for PUNCH Egg Hunt committees was passed around
- A sign-up sheet for Neighborhood Picnic sub-committees was passed around

## Committee Reports:

### Outreach Committee

- We served 39 Salvation Army meals in February and 58 in March
- We collected 107 items in February and a total of \$335 since the first of the year for the food pantry. It appears that collecting on all Sundays is having a positive impact!
- We collected a total of 1,165 rolls of toilet paper for Humility of Mary as part of our Paper Hearts drive in February. The Deacons-Session challenge will be tallied at the end of the March 19 Session meeting
- Homework Helpers tutors are still needed for back-up. There wasn't much response from the recent college and nursing program contacts.

- All Wednesday Night Meals are covered through March. Tracy Riedesel in returning in April.
- Deacons will have a table at the FPC Egg Hunt, as usual – Helen Wols is coordinating. Julie Grothusen expressed interest in helping.
- All five Neighborhood Picnic committees have been filled and planning activities are proceeding according to plan. There were a few additional people that signed up for various committees during the meeting.

#### Pastoral Care and Spiritual Development

- In Touch Program – The PCSD Committee spent time writing cards to those on the In-Touch list. This is a very meaningful program for both the program participants and the care givers. Spring gift planning is under way with distribution planned for early April.
- Communion to the Farthest Pew – Will this continue in Richard’s absence? PCSD will contact Tammy
- There is a friendly competition for the most attendees between the two Spring Breakfasts that are coming up:
  - Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup> – Men’s Breakfast – Speaker: Dave Heller, River Bandits co-owner – Meal will be prepared at the church. \$7 per person.
  - Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup> – Women’s Breakfast – Speaker: Sara McGlen from the Davenport Food Pantry. Meal will be catered. Babysitting provided. \$10 per person with a portion of the collection going to the Food Pantry.

#### Mission Connection

- Tabatha’s Circle met in February. Next meeting: end of March. Considering a “style show”.
- Ray of Vision (Alice Chikomo) – Our 2018 financial commitment to Ray of Vision was completed earlier than normal with a 2<sup>nd</sup> payment sent & received in February (this timing was a special request by Alice).
- Pasrur Men’s School Donation – MC Committee Motion/Second/Passed to send our designated \$1,000 for Pasrur School for Men to East Iowa Presbytery to take advantage of a matching gift program.
- There are now two FPC members signed up for the ILUGUA to Guatemala May 19-26
- Our future involvement in the AMKA program (Tanzania School for ages 5 to 14) will be watched closely in the coming months as Ann McConachie, Program Founder & Principle Officer, looks toward retirement
- Kids Against Hunger is scheduled for April 8-11. The cost to participate is \$30, which goes toward purchasing the raw ingredients. (There are scholarships available).

#### Deacons Endowment Fund

- As of March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the Deacons Endowment balance stood at \$52,085 and the Grant balance at \$11,528, both recovering from last month’s dip.
- We’re at the beginning of the Deacons Endowment Project Submittal season (Mar 15 to May 15) and need to form a project review board. A Session volunteer is needed (Tom to take the issue to the March 19<sup>th</sup> Session meeting).

**Old business:** (NONE)

**New business:** (NONE)

The meeting was closed at 8:35 PM with unison prayer.

The next evening of Deacon’s meetings will be on Monday, April 9, 2018 at the usual times & locations.

*Respectfully submitted by Tom Parker*