

# Deacon's Board Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2018

Moderator Parker opened the meeting with prayer at 7:35pm

## Moderator in Attendance

P	Tom Parker
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## Pastor in Attendance

P	Rev. Katie Styrts
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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
A	Bob Lehnerr (OR)	E	Jonathan Cracraft (PCSD)	P	Jay Champlin
A	Mason Pedersen (OR)	E	Traci Cracraft (PCSD)	P	Muffy Ellard
A	Jennifer Peters (OR)	P	Pat Cresap (PCSD)	P	Julie Grothusen
A	Tracy Riedesel (PCSD)	P	Pamela Ford (PCSD)	A	Mike Grothusen
E	LaWanda Roudebush (PCSD)	P	Debbie Keenan (OR)	P	Sharon Simmonds
P	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)		
		P	Kate Wells (OR)		
		P	Helen Wols (OR)		

A quorum was present.

P= present, E= excused, A= absent

The group went around the circle and each member introduced themselves to Pastor Styrts by stating their name, how long they've been a member of First Pres Davenport, and stating which committee they were on.

Moderator Parker read a devotional titled "Consider the Possibilities" by Pastor Dale O'Shields which is based partially on Ecclesiastes 11:6

Minutes from the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

Several correspondences and one thank you from an in-touch member were passed around

### Sign-Up Sheets:

- An attendance sheet was passed around
- Neighborhood picnic sign-up sheets were passed around

Tom presented "The Work of the Deacons at First Pres Davenport" for Katie's awareness and to help with her with on-boarding. The group had an opportunity to add comments and answer questions. Two changes were noted and Tom subsequently made those edits to the presentation.

### Abbreviated Committee Reports:

### Outreach Committee

- Mission Connection volunteered to cover the supervision of the bounce house at the neighborhood picnic

### Pastoral Care and Spiritual Development

- After hearing some feedback, some discussion and a straw poll, it was decided to change the Women's Fall Retreat to be a Women's Breakfast patterned after the very successful Women's Breakfast that was held in April. The date will remain the same – September 15, 2018.
- After considerable discussion by the whole group it was decided that Doug Wells would take up the AED discussion with the Security Task Force at their meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The PCSD co-chairs agreed to get Jonathon Cracraft in touch with Julie Grothusen to iron out an approach to the AED question. At issue is the proposal to either purchase a third AED that would be installed in Fellowship Hall, or to look at re-positioning the two we currently have. It was noted that while the population of our congregation would not warrant a third AED, the sprawling and disjointed layout of the building and security procedures that require locked doors present a potential accessibility question. The matter will be discussed at the June Deacons meeting.

### Mission Connection

- Nothing new to report

### Deacons Endowment Fund

- Brock described two DEF Project Submittals. The first project involves an expansion of the PUNCH Neighborhood Garden Program to make it self-sustaining through corner vegetable stands and Farmer's Market participation. The other project involves the expansion of Hilltop family budget training. Currently that training is being done in conjunction with IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union and the concept is to augment that training by providing seed money for families to open a \$50 savings account and break the vicious cycle of pay-day loans. The program becomes self-sustaining through the repayment of the \$50 program loans.
- These two projects, particularly the Neighborhood Garden project, require a quick approval of funds due to seasonality. Since both project are requesting the maximum amount, approval will need to go through the DEF Review Board, The Board of Deacons, and the Session. The Board of Deacons agreed to move forward via an electronic approval process once the Deacons Endowment Review Board approves them, thus eliminating the need to wait a whole month until the June Deacons meeting. It was also decided to take a similar approach with Session at the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. If all of those steps fall into place it might be possible to release funds to both projects by early June.

**Old business:** (NONE)

**New business:** (NONE)

The meeting was closed at 8:45pm with unison prayer.

The next evening of Deacon's meetings will be on Monday, June 11, 2018 at the usual times & locations.

*Respectfully submitted by Tom Parker*