

**Board of Deacon's Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2015**

At 7:35 p.m. Rev. Miller called the meeting to order.

Moderator attendance for November

P	Rev. Miller
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Board of Deacons Attendance for January

	Class of 2015		Class of 2016		Class of 2017
P	Ted Brown (OR)	P	Dan Bowerman (OR)	E	Meredith Ellard (OR)
P	Paula Burnett (PCSD)	P	Kathy Bowerman (OR)	P	Rosemary Jamison
P	Phil Eshleman (PCSD)	P	Mia Carr (OR)	P	Margarette Johnson (PCSD)
E	Craig Foster (MC, Chair)	P	Steve Earp (PCSD)	P	Steve T. Johnson (PCSD)
P	Marilyn Irwin (MC)	A	Jeffrey Gomez (PCSD)	P	Kurt Schreiner (OR)
E	Linda Larson (OR, Endow, & FF)	P	Wendy Hammen (PCSD)	P	Sharon Simmonds (MC)
P	LaWanda Roudebush (PCSD)	P	Dawn Hickenbottom (MC)	P	Michelle Sinclair (OR)
P	Janet Stensrud (PCSD)	P	Sue Page (PCSD)	P	Ruth Smit (MC)
P	Gail Yingling (PCSD)	A	Elisabeth Riedesel (Youth Rep)	E	Doug Wells (OR)
		P	Diane Schreiner (OR)		
		P	Ann Schwister (PCSD)		

P= present, E= excused, A= absent

A quorum was present.

Opening devotion was given by Sue Page.

Sign-up sheets for the PUNCH Thanksgiving dinner, Communion to the Farthest Pew and Angel Tree gift sorting went around.

Review and unanimous approval of the minutes from the October meeting with the correction of the Crop Walk donation amount.

Congregational member Cathy Pratcher-Woods gave a presentation on the *Milestones Area Agency on Aging* program that provides home delivered meals to seniors who cannot get out. Approximately 372 seniors in eastern Iowa and western Illinois are provided meals on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Cathy asked the Board of Deacons to help support this mission financially. Deacon Lawanda Roudebush made a **motion** to give Milestones \$500 from the discretionary fund. After a short discussion, **the motion passed unanimously.**

Committee Reports:

Outreach:

- Diane reported that \$435 and 123 items were collected from Food Pantry Sunday in October.
- Correct amount for Crop Walk donations was \$2,172
- Trunk and Treat only had 7 cars participating. The number of trick or treating kids was also down. The Outreach committee has agreed not to have Trunk and Treat in 2016. Leftover candy was given to C.E. director.
- Angel Tree received 22 letters back from participating Prison Ministries families – over half of the families – which is great for our first year of sending out letters. The letters cut down on the number of phone calls that need to be made. Angel Tree will be available November 22 for congregation to take. All gifts need to be returned to the church by December 9. Sorting will be done on December 12 and gifts can be distributed starting December 13.
- Still working on a possible outreach mission in the spring.

Pastoral Care:

- Fall Men's Fellowship Breakfast on Oct. 31 had 18 people in attendance. Net proceeds of \$47.14 from the breakfast were given to Love Gift Fund.
- A large crowd is expected for the November 15 Griesenbeck memorial service at the church. Funeral support is needed for serving, logistics and clean-up.

- The Women's Retreat for 2016 will be Sept. 23-25 at the Shalom Retreat Center with the theme of Engage & Renew.

Mission Connection:

- Sharon Simmons reported that Mission Connection will have ornaments on the Advent Giving Tree. These are opportunities for the congregation to support the various international missions.
- Kids Against Hunger does not have a specific date, but probably April of 2016.

DEF: No report.

December snacks: Marilyn Irwin
December devotions: Lawanda Roudebush
December representative to Session meeting: _____ ??

Meeting was closed with prayer by Deacon Sue Page.

Meeting was closed at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by:
Diane Schreiner