

**Deacon's Board Meeting
Nov. 14, 2016**

At 6:00 p.m. Moderator Tom Parker called the meeting to order.

Moderator attendance for September 2016

P	Tom Parker
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Board of Deacons Attendance for February

	Class of 2016		Class of 2017		Class of 2018
P	Mia Carr	P	Meredith Ellard	P	Brock Earnhardt, Jr.
P	Steve Earp	P	Rosemary Jamison	E	Bob Lehnherr
A	Jeff Gomez	P	Margarette Johnson	P	Jennifer Peters
P	Wendy Hammen	P	Steve Johnson	A	Tracy Riedesel
E	Dawn Hickenbottom	P	Kurt Schreiner	E	Lawanda Roudebush
E	Marilyn Irwin	E	Sharon Simmonds	P	Cindy Schalk
A	Sue Page	A	Michelle Sinclair	P	Cassie Woods
P	Ann Schwister	P	Doug Wells		
P	Diane Schreiner				

P= present, E= excused, A= absent

A quorum was present.

Tom Parker Opened with prayer at 7:30

Guest Speaker Cathy Pratcher-Woods was invited to talk about her role in the Milestones Area Agency on Aging. They deliver over 400 meals to Scott County homebound residents (some of them are church members) on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. Cathy asked the board for a monetary contribution. Deacons gave Milestones \$500 in 2015. A motion was made by Deacon Schreiner, and seconded, to provide \$400 this year. After discussion, the motion was amended to \$500, seconded and unanimously approved.

Minutes for the October meeting were approved, with a correction on the start time to 7:30.

Sign-up sheets went around for serving at the Salvation Army dinner, and food for PUNCH Thanksgiving dinner

Committee Reports:

Outreach:

- Diane Schreiner reported that Food Pantry is nearing its goal of raising \$5000. \$345 was given in October.
- The PUNCH Thanksgiving dinner, served at First Baptist Church, still needs donations of mashed potatoes and 3 pies. An email went out to the congregation and a signup sheet has been sent around Deacons.
- Night out at the Shelter fundraiser for the Humility of Mary Homeless Shelters raised a total of \$501. The goal was \$780.
- Angle Tree Ministry gift giving is in full swing. The tree with angels on it will go up this Sunday in Fellowship Hall. We are serving 110, or so, children this year. Gifts will be returned to church by Dec. 11, and distribution will begin on Dec. 18th. We will have a full report in December.

Pastoral Care:

- 9 people came to the Men's Breakfast, including staff. The committee is discussing new formats to make the event more attractive to younger men.

- Gifts for the homebound will be ready for the December meeting.
- Love Gift giving tree will go up in Fellowship Hall after Thanksgiving.

Mission Connection:

- Cindy Schalk reported that Alice Chikomo's daughter will be at the December Deacons meeting to give an update on her mother's mission project in Africa.
- An ILLUGUA video will make its premier during service on Sunday. Mission Connection will be taking donations for ILLUGUA every Sunday during Advent.

Deacons Endowment Fund:

- Brock Earnhardt reported that he's optimistic about the fund growing to over \$50,000 over the next few weeks. The committee will be meeting soon to discuss details on opening the grant enrollment. He still anticipates the fund to be opened to requests early next year.

Other business:

Tom gave a review of the Oct. Session meeting, during which the Deacons gave a presentation on our project evaluation process. The Session asked for more ownership of events (contact info and details on each program). And the pointed out some overlap with the Deacons and the Ministry budgets (relating to support that comes from outside Deacons).

Tom asked that if we know of anyone who might make a good Deacon to please let him or Cindy Schalk know.

Tom led an explanation and discussion of the proposed 2017 Deacons budget. Deacons went through all line items and made a few changes, based on previous rankings and areas where we want to grow. Please see attached budget, with those changes.

Moderator Tom also challenged all Deacons to come up with ideas on how we can increase our connection to the neighborhood.

Next Deacon's meeting will be Monday, Dec. 12th, 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by:
Diane Schreiner