

Deacon's Board Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2017

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 2017		Class of 2018		Class of 2019	
P	Meredith Ellard (OR)	E	Brock Earnhardt, Jr (DEF)	A	Melissa Calhoun (OR)
P	Rosemary Jamison (MC)	P	Bob Lehnerr (OR)	P	Jonathan Cracraft (PCSD)
E	Margarette Johnson (PCSD)	E	Jennifer Peters (OR)	E	Traci Cracraft (PCSD)
E	Steve T. Johnson (PCSD)	A	Tracy Riedesel (PCSD)	P	Pat Cresap (PCSD)
P	Kurt Schreiner (OR)	A	LaWanda Roudebush (PCSD)	P	Pamela Ford (PCSD)
P	Sharon Simmonds (MC)	P	Cindy Schalk (MC)	P	Debbie Keenan (OR)
E	Michele Sinclair (OR)	P	Cassie Woods (MC)	E	Bev Koos (PCSD)
P	Doug Wells (OR)			P	Terry Ousley (PCSD)
				P	Cathy Pratscher-Woods (OR)
				E	Elisabeth Riedesel (OR)
				P	Kate Wells (OR)P
				E	Helen Wols (OR)

A quorum was present.

P= present, E= excused, A= absent

Minutes for the September 11th meeting were approved.

Thank you notes from Camp Wyoming, Café on Vine, Humility of Mary and Food Pantry were routed to the group.

There were no sign-up sheets to route.

Committee Reports:

Outreach Committee

- We collected \$320 for the Food Pantry in September. There was no information regarding the number of items contributed
- We served 56 Salvation Army meals in September
- We now have 16 Homework Helpers signed up! Thank you to everyone that answered the call.
- The CROP Walk went well – several youth attended
- Up-coming OR activities:
 - Angle Tree sign-up Sundays are November 12 & 19 in Fellowship Hall
 - Paper Hearts drive will be in Mid-February

Pastoral Care and Spiritual Development

- A big THANK YOU to all that showed up and helped with the Homecoming Dinner on October 1st. We had 80 attendees and actually had to turn away a few folks that asked to attend at the last minute because there wasn't enough food. In the future, we will ask that reservations be in by a certain date. A lot of folks stayed until well after 3:00 PM socializing.
- The Men's Breakfast had been scheduled for Saturday, November 4th at 9:30 AM. The speaker will be Fran Riley of Channel 6 and the meal will be a full breakfast of egg casserole and bacon catered by HyVee. Cost will be \$6 per person.

Mission Connection

- Craig Foster and Cindy Schalk's account of their June ILUGUA trip to Guatemala in worship on October 1st was very well received. There were many comments regarding the meaningfulness of the account and message.
- There is a balance of \$261 in the Mission Connection Discretionary Account. Committee discussions are under way regarding how best to donate these funds before the end of the year.
- The package of dresses and shorts made by Tabatha's Circle was prepared and mailed to African recipients in September. The next Tabatha's Circle meeting is October 22nd
- FPC has set April 8, 9, 10 & 11 as the dates for our 2018 Kids Against Hunger food packaging event. It will be held in Fellowship Hall next year as opposed to the chapel so as not to intrude on the bell choir.
- A total of \$556 was collected for the PCUSA special Pentecost Offering. By design, FPC keeps 40% of this offering to be used for local causes and that money has been donated to the Boys and Girls Club of the Quad Cities
- Craig Foster has volunteered to pen an article for FPC communication regarding how we can use existing mechanisms to respond to the plethora of recent natural and man-made disasters that have been in the news (fires, hurricanes, Las Vegas shootings). Craig will work through the church office regarding communication of this information

Deacons Endowment Fund

- The endowment balance stands at a healthy \$53,843 and the Grant balance stands at \$7,315
- The DEF Review Board is still waiting for responses to questions asked of both grant request projects

Old business:

- The group reviewed the final outcome of the 2017 Program ranking exercise. In addition, Pasrur Pakistan School for Men was added and ranked as a new program. The review included a summary of the 2018 total budget distribution by committee:
 - PCSD – 8%
 - OR – 68%
 - MC – 16%
 - Discretionary – 9% (incl. Health ministries)
- The Deacon's 2018 preliminary budget showing no increase from the \$39,250 amount in 2017 has been submitted
 - It was requested and approved that \$200 be moved from Deacon's Discretionary line item to the Health Ministries – First Aid line item (Tom to follow up with Shannon).

New business:

- There was a question by several Deacons regarding the existence of/need for an FPC Scholarship Fund for college-bound members. This question/suggestion will be forwarded to the Session.
- There was a suggestion that maybe some of the DEF funds that are currently not being claimed be used for more urgent causes such as flood and fire relief. It was discussed that the restrictions placed on those funds would probably prohibit such action, but there was follow-up discussion that any surplus funds that the Deacons might have at the end of 2017 be used for Disaster Relief.
- Cindy Schalk gave a summary of the Memorial to the Lost project that was started at FPC.

The meeting was closed at 8:25 PM with prayer by Cassie Woods.

Next Deacon's meeting will be held Monday, November 13th, 2017 at the usual times & locations.

Respectfully submitted by Tom Parker