

Minutes from Deacons Meeting
July 8, 2025

Member	Attend	Member	Attend
Anderson, Larry	P	Moberg, Steve	P
Cooper, Laura	P	Quinn, Andrea	P
Ell, Tom	P	Scheneman, Dan	A
Failing, Debbie	A	Smith, Dave	P
Lancaster, Mary	A		
Morefield, Pr. Michael	P		

V is Virtual/Zoom

- **Quorum (6) is established.**
- **Opening Prayer** — at 6:15 pm by Steve.
- **Approval of June Minutes** — Motion by Larry, seconded by Laura; approved.

Pastor's Report

- **New Hymnals ordered** — they will be the Trinity hymnal, which is written and compiled both by and for those from a Presbyterian background. In addition to hymns, it includes a psalter and the Westminster Shorter Catechism. Launch is planned to coincide with the rebranding launch in the fall.
- **Family Fellowship** — will resume on September 10.
- **Third Tuesday Ministry Night** — the kickoff will be next Tuesday, the 15th. It will start at 6:00 PM with a joint pizza dinner and an overview of this new plan by Michael. At 6:30, individual teams with breakout to their monthly meeting (or, for July, they can elect to meet on their normal night). Michael and Josh have worked on a suggested schedule which would allow those who serve on multiple teams to be able to attend all of their meetings. We'll try the new format for 3 to 6 months and then reevaluate.
- **New Website** — Michael provided a sneak peak of the new church website, which has been designed to be more helpful for both internal and external users. It will also launch this fall in coordination with the new hymnals, new branding and new carpeting in the lobbies.

Coordinating Report

- The team has not met since our last Deacons meeting, since their meetings will be moving to the Ministry Night on the third Tuesday.

- Kent Hermes has been hired to temporarily fill Ernie Slinkard's weekend facility manager position, until Ernie is ready to return. Kent held this position up until about five years ago, so he is familiar with the duties. He has now retired so he feels he will have the time to devote to the duties.

Team Reports

- **Finance** — Larry reporting:
 - The team has not met yet this month and the June reports aren't out yet, but things were looking good at the end of May.
 - Our insurance contract is up for renewal on August 1. Larry had hoped to have the new information by now, but it looks like it will be next week. He is concerned that we may have an issue because our roof is now 20 years old, and he has heard that they may convert our coverage to actual cash value instead of replacement cost, which is what we currently have.
- **Helps** — Dave reporting:
 - He referred the deacons to his printed report, which he had sent out earlier in the day, for more details.
 - The team has been making plans for the annual volunteer picnic, coming up on the first Saturday of August (the 2nd). It will be held from 4:30 to 6:30.
 - Chris Stackpole was not able to attend the meeting but he provide the team with a written report on the progress with the wifi, security cameras and door access controls.
- **Mercy** — Laura reporting:
 - The team has been providing assistance for Ernie, cleaning up his apartment before he went home from rehab, as well as providing meals and getting groceries for him.
 - They were unable to find people who could cut African-American hair, so they dropped plans for the Cuts & Crocs event and replaced it with Backpacks & Books. That event will be held on Saturday, August 2, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM, in the Ministry Center.
- **Property** — Tom reporting:
 - Barry Cooper did a nice job of cleaning out the storm drain behind the dumpster during the Men's Workday.
 - They had to replace the compressor for the office air conditioner.
 - They are planning to do some work on sprucing up the courtyard area.
 - Cracks in the parking lots will be sealed in the next few weeks.
 - Laura reported that there have been some problems with things not being cleaned up prior to Sunday services. She suggested it might be time to send out a Request for Proposal (RFP) related to cleaning services. There was also discussion that teams/groups having meetings/events in the church should be reminded to clean up after themselves.

WOW Reports/Prayer Requests

- The families of those who died in the Texas flooding
- Our young people who will be going on the Middle School Mystery Trip

Adjournment:

- Michael closed the meeting with prayer.
- Motion for adjournment by Larry, seconded by Dave; approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Next meeting:

- August 12, 2025 @ 6:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Moberg
Acting Clerk