

MERCY TEAM

Minutes

Thursday, March 20, 2025

Date/Time: Thursday, March 20 2025		
PRESENT(P) ABSENT(A) EXCUSED(E)		
Laura Cooper (Moderator) (Deacon) P	Andrea Quinn (Deacon) P	
		GUESTS
Mary Lancaster (Deacon) P	Lyn Vande Polder P	

- Opening Prayer –6:55 PM
- Devotion: – The Lord’s Prayer
- February Notes – Were prepared via email vs an in person meeting. ML will submit to approvedminutes@gashland.org
- Old Business –
 - Gashland Girls – AQ reported the Gashland Girls met at Linda Weisenborn’s on March 15th for a High Tea. The nine ladies had a delightful time. Their next gathering will be to Red Lobster and plans will begin for summer activities. Further, Roxanne has joined the group. When the time is appropriate, Andrea will invite Beth Liebling to join.
 - Homebound – AQ advised that she offered Glenna the names of potential folks who might be interested in a homebound ministry. Glenna advised no one had responded to her Link invitation.
 - It was further discussed the idea of inserting Glenna’s Link announcement/invitation in the directories being delivered to the homebound. LvdP is leading the effort to deliver and ML is her assistant.
- HelpNet – No Report
- Mercy Fund – ML to provide the Mercy Fund Policy to Elder Ethan Funk as requested. Also ML will provide the policy to the Mercy Team at the next meeting. It was agreed that the control and administration of the Fund should remain with the

Mercy Team, vs Coordinating. (ML brought up the possibility of moving to Coordinating with Mercy Fund Board members being included in its administration).

- End of February 2025; Revenues \$120, Expenses \$0, Ending Balance \$38,321.46
- Card-Making Ministry – No report. Lyn will connect with Izzy to see how things are going.
- Care Team Ministry - LvdP reported 7 Visits, 6 calls and 41 cards. As Kay was in for surgery, ML will mail a card from the Team and LvdP will also mail a personal card.
- Compassion Meals – Meals were provided to the Funks and Durfees. Also, meals were provided to Patricia Hagsten, along with various visits
- Memorial Meals - No Report/Meals
- New Business –
 - Crocs and Cuts – moving this event to either August 2nd or August 9th as a pre back-to-school event. LC to inquire of Emily Harris and the Donaldson's for a hair stylist experienced with African American hair. AQ will ask her own stylist for the same information.
 - Updated meal signup list: LC provided to Barb Ryczek.-
 - Car Ministry – (Compassion Wheels) – was discussed. The current conclusion is, this is not an “official” church ministry, but continue to address on an “as needed” basis.
 - Kay Bowin password – resolved (gashlandpassword)
 - Background checks – discussed how far and wide this would apply. Does anyone who provides a ride, a meal, an errand, a delivery, a chore/service etc need a background check? Our decision was to table for now. The current requirements for background checks remains as is, and is not under the Mercy Team's oversight.
- Devotion – April LvdP
- Next meeting – Thursday April 24th at 6:45
- Closing Prayer - LC at 7:58

Action Items		
Recommendations/Plan of Action	Completion/ Follow-Up Due Date	Who is Responsible?
Send get well cards to Kay Send approved minutes to approvedminutes@gashland.org Asking for Hair stylists experienced with African American hair Check in with Izzy and her card making ministry		LvdP and ML ML LC and AQ LvdP
Next Meeting Date	April 24 (Thursday) 6:45PM	