

HELPS
Meeting Agenda/Minutes
Tuesday, 2025 7:00AM

PRESENT(P) ABSENT(A) EXCUSED(E)		
Dave Smith, Chair P	Linda Reeve P	Debbie Failing P
Dan Scheneman P	Chris Stackpole P	

Chris gave an update of the IT team, alarm system and door entry system. There may be a possibility to obtain half price hardware and professional installation via Barry Cooper. The plan is also to use smart phone tech to announce presence at door entry points to request and allow entry based on person, day and time of the week and church functions.

Chairs for the Ministry Center were discussed for options of cleaning, partial purchase and full purchase of new chairs, etc. The chairs were originally purchased after the Ministry Center was built, (mid 90's?)

The last cleaning was many years ago and one cleaner declined to try and the one who cleaned the chairs said he would not do it again due to the age of the fabric and due to the cleaning process actually damaged some threads already. Cleaning appears to not be an option. To purchase new chairs, we need to determine the number of chairs to buy. During major events, like Christmas, the number of chairs set out were about 300. It was recalled this and Easter required some more chairs to be set up due to larger numbers of guests. Normal attendance on second service averages 130-140 and chair team

sets out approximately 200 chairs. We believe a minimum number to purchase, with input from the Worship Team checking and verifying attendance records, to be no less than the 300-350 range. Dave will recommend to the Deacons at the next meeting on Feb 11th that new all new chairs be purchased in lieu of cleaning, repairing and partial purchase, and to direct the Property Team to obtain bids to determine the cost. Also, the Deacons for recommendations for soliciting funds. Such as the \$10,000 gift, \$5,000 for cleaning together and then deciding on how to raise the remaining funds. Some ideas brought up thus far were a straight forward campaign, or Buy-A-Chair campaign where congregants could buy a chair(s), along with selling our chairs.

There will be a need for a team with members from Finance, Property, Beautification, Deacons, Helps, to name a few to organize the entire process.

Debbie reported the Coffee team is good. She and Trent are the back up team. She is ensuring the coffee bar will be in the Abide area between the first service and the SS in the Ministry Center.

Linda reported First Team is ready for the Sunday School in the Ministry Center and ensuring doors are closed and those attending only the second service are ushered quietly to the Abide area until Sunday School is over. There will be signs on doors asking for silence.

We all decided to have our annual volunteer picnic on May 3rd, from 4:30 to 6:30.

Dan presented a new team for General Volunteer recruitment, consisting of himself, Debbie Failing and Tom Ell. This will operate under the Helps Team to determine a process to reach the entire congregation to recruit volunteers. The Breeze database, with calendar and sign up requests will be researched for a unified approach that leadership (Elders and Deacons) will support.