

Minutes from Deacon Meeting –Approved January 14, 2024

Deacon	Attend	Deacon	Attend
Anderson, Larry	P	Moberg, Steve	A
Cooper, Laura	P	Quinn Andrea	P
El, Tom	P	Scheneman, Dan	P
Failing, Debbie	P	Smith, Dave	A
Lancaster, Mary	P		
Pastor Morefield, Michael	P		

V is Virtual/Zoom

- Quorum (8) is established. Laura Cooper moderating today's meeting is Steve's absence.
- Opening Prayer at 6:20 pm by Larry Anderson
- Minutes Approval : motioned to approve by Dan Scheneman and seconded by Larry Anderson

New/Old Business:

- Assignment of teams:
 - Property – Tom El
 - Mercy – Mary Lancaster, Laura Cooper and Andrea Quinn
 - Finance – Larry Anderson and Debbie Failing
 - Coordinating – Steve Moberg
 - Helps – Dave Smith and Dan Scheneman
- Nomination of Moderator
 - Motion to nominate Steve Moberg as Moderator
 - Seconded by Debbie Failing
 - All agreed should he choose to accept
- Discussion regarding recruiting volunteers.
 - Communication may have been a hindrance in voicing the areas of need with people willing to serve. After the discussion, it was decided to set up a task

force to recommend a new way. Dan Scheneman volunteer to chair that, with Tom El and Debbie Failing volunteering to assist on the team.

- There has been an issue on a Sunday morning with one of our homeless individuals coming into the church during Sunday School hour. He was met by a couple of church members who happened to be in the foyer. This really should not happen. Justin Ewing, head of security, will be notified as well as Linda Reeves (for the greeting staff) to determine if training or changes in protocol are needed.
- Question arose regarding Communion schedule. Michael will ask that it be sent to us all by Kathy.
- Michael explained that he and Mike Brink are outlining the Book of Order. They will give us this outline once completed. In it is stated that the Session oversees the Life of the Church which includes the budget. The deacons are assigned the areas of work by the session. Finance is one of the deacons assignment to cover the procedures and the activity who in turn makes recommendations to the session for approval. The finance committee reports direct to the session for the budget process and any request the exceeds the budget.

For Stewardship each year, there is a committee set up with 1 pastor, 1 deacon and 1 session member. All communication goes to the session.

As a whole, in most finance issues, they comes to the deacons first.

Pastor's Report:

- The annual meeting will be held on 2-2-2025 to present the budget and to present the annual report.
A summary is needed from each team head for the annual report. It only needs to be a short few sentences to define the team, examples: things that have happened during the year, ways we have seen God at work and any needs we have.
- Michael reminded us that his role in the deacons meeting is to share the pastoral voice to the discussions. He has no voting power.

Michael asked that we move to Executive Session.

So moved by Larry Anderson and seconded by Tom El.

Leaving Executive Session was moved by Laura Cooper and seconded by Debbie Failing.

Coordinating:

Steve Moberg was absent this evening.

Team Reports

- a. **Finance:** Larry reporting.
 - Have not met this month
 - Helps Team received a budget for both Sunday Morning and spring volunteer picnic.
- b. **Helps:** Dave Absent
 - We have not met in January.
- c. **Mercy:** Laura reporting
 - The Angel Tree was a success. The school was beyond appreciative.
 - Unpaid balance for lunches at Gashland and Clardy were paid by Sunday school collection. This was a wonderful blessing for the students and school. God be praised for all those who participated.
 - Gashland Gals are continued to do good.
- d. **Property:** No report
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W.O.W Report /Prayer Requests:

- A WOW for Sunday's sermon by Josiah. It was a wonderful sermon. We Thank God for his addition to Gashland's staff and also for the addition of Josh.
- A WOW for Josh this week as he has passed his 4 written test and 1 oral test. He is on his way to the final exam, we pray for God's peace and calmness for Josh during the exam.
- Prayers for Marleen and Gail for their quick healing from surgery and that there are no complications.
- Prayers for Mary Ann Eickenberg who had breast cancer surgery, that she receives quick healing in preparation for the radiation treatment to follow.

Motion to Adjourn by Larry Anderson and seconded by Tom El.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm

Closing Prayer – Laura Cooper

Next In-person meeting: February 11, 2025 @6:15 pm

Moderator — Steve Moberg

Vice Moderator — Laura Cooper

Clerk — Debbie Failing