

Deacons Meeting Minutes-February 28, 2016



First Church's Mission Statement: "People dedicated to Spiritual Growth, Loving Relationships, and Sacrificial Service"

Deacons: (Article X - DEACONS: "The deacon body's central interest is the spiritual, physical, and emotional well-being of the church family." and "the deacons serve as caregivers of the congregational members.")

(Distribution: Paper copies placed in "Keypersons" mail slot for Glenn and Anna Miller by the church secretary; email to all others by the deacon secretary.)

(NOTE: First Church's new logo and Mission Statements now appear at the top of the Deacons Meeting minutes.)

Four hand outs were given before lunch: They were today's agenda, the "2015 Deacons Meeting minutes- November 15," "Love Feast Guidelines," and "Deacon Assignments-Love Feast-October 4, 2016,"

The deacons met on February 28, 2016 in Room 154 after the morning worship service. After a blessing by Chair Greg Klinedinst, the deacons lunched together.

There were 18 deacons of the 22 deacons present plus Don and Vivian Hubbell. They were: Larry Gible, Ken and Carol Gordon, Greg and Debbie Klinedinst, Brian and Jackie Legrand, Glenn and Anna Miller, Ed and Arlene Martin, Brad Nicholas, Brad and Debbie Shenk, Leonard and Helen Stoner, and Galen and Pat Trimmer,

Absent: John and Mary Esther Anderson, Judy Deitch, Pat Gible,

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Greg Klinedinst at approximately 11:55 A.M.

2. Devotions:

Greg then led the deacons in a devotional period by reading Galatians 5:22-26, and spoke briefly on leadership as it was presented in his devotional materials.

3. Approval and additions of agenda:

The agenda was approved with one addition: Yorkshire UM Baptism-use of our facility.

4. Minutes:

The minutes of the November 15, 2015 deacons meeting were approved as presented.

5. Deacon Fund: No report.

6. Love Feast - Sunday March 20, 2016 following the worship service.

Assignments:

A. Pat Trimmer will take the lead in the food preparation. Galen, Helen Stoner and Brian and Jackie LeGrand will be assisting her. The menu will be sandwiches and fruits, the specifics to be decided by the above mentioned team.

B. John and Mary Esther Anderson will purchase the food; the list provided by the food prep. team.

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C. Bread making: Anna and Glenn Miller. Mary Esther Anderson will assist

D. Grape juice: Anna Miller

E. Pastor Don will contact Jay Crist for operating the sound system and Mike Baldwin for the music leadership

F. Table and chairs set up. The youth-Garrett Page leader. A request has been made, however there's been no response as of today.

(NOTE: Although Greg and Debbie Klinedinst will be away during the previous week, they will be back for Love Feast, Greg said.)

7. Dottie Lehman is moving all this week (of February 28) and needs some help next Saturday-both people power and truck assistance if possible.

Dottie Lehman is requesting help from the deacons during her moving process this coming Saturday (March 5, 2015). She is moving her possessions out of Dallastown and will be moving with her daughter in Boiling Springs. There were several volunteers. Pastor Don will provide a pickup truck and a trailer, and is more or less coordinating this moving process. They will meet at the church at a predetermined time, and hope to be done around lunch time.

8. Yorkshire UM Baptism-use of our facility.

Dennis Hummel, pastor of Yorkshire United Methodist church is requesting the use of our sanctuary and baptistery on Sunday April 17, 2016 in the afternoon. They're offering a contribution for their use of First Church facilities. (Yorkshire United Methodist Church has adopted the Church of the Brethren baptism and feet washing.

A motion was made by Pastor Don and seconded by Larry Gible approving Yorkshire United Methodist Church's use of our sanctuary and baptistery on April 17 for baptism, with the funds received to be directed to the Deacon Fund. It was unanimously approved.

9. Other significant dates 2016:

June 5 – Holy Communion

October 2 – Love Feast

10. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on August 28, 2016 after the Sunday morning worship service. Deacons are to bring their own brown bag lunch and beverages.

11. Adjourn:

The service ended at 12:24 PM with a closing prayer by Pastor Don

(The deacons were requested to please remember that discussions and decisions should be kept confidential).

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Gible, Deacon Secretary

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