

Deacons Meeting Minutes-August 28, 2016 (Amended November 20, 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.)

Four handouts were distributed before lunch: They were today's agenda, the February 28, 2016 Minutes, Love Feast Guidelines and Tentative Love Feast Deacons Assignments.

The deacons met on August 28, 2016 in Room 154 after the morning worship service. After a blessing by Chair Greg Klinedinst, the deacons lunched together. The offering basket was also passed.

There were 15 deacons of the 22 deacons present plus Don and Vivian Hubbell. They were: John and Mary Esther Anderson, Judy Deitch, Larry and Pat Gobble, Greg and Debbie Klinedinst, Brian and Jackie Legrand, Glenn and Anna Miller, Ed Martin, Leonard and Helen Stoner, and Galen Trimmer.

Absent: Ken and Carol Gordon, Arlene Martin, Brad Nicholas, Brad and Debbie Shenk, and Pat Trimmer.

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Greg Klinedinst at 12:10 P.M.

2. Devotions:

Greg then led the deacons in a devotional period from "Our Daily Bread" for August 26 regarding "Chosen People." The scriptures were 1 Peter 2:9-10 and Philippians 4:8 that spoke of God's two-fold call; 1. A general call and 2. a call to individuals who are meant to serve. A prayer followed.

3. Minutes: The minutes of the February 28, 2016 deacons meeting were approved as presented.

4. Agenda: Was approved with no changes.

5. Deacon of the Month & DVD Delivery. DVD deliveries are being made to Anna Boogher, Irene Rauhauser and Elmer Allison. Mail deliveries are made to Dottie Lehman and the Copenheavers.

6. Love Feast - Sunday October 2, 2016 following the worship service.

Please refer to the handouts "Tentative Deacon Assignments – Love Feast" and "Love Feast Guidelines" for detailed information.

a. The meal will be similar to the Spring Love Feast.

b. Hymns: A decision was made to use printed words in the Love Feast bulletin instead of hymnals. Pat Gobble made a motion "to print the words on paper, using familiar hymns, singing acapella as an alternative". The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

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- c. Seating arrangements: After reviewing sketches and a discussion of various seating arrangements with the pros and cons of each one, a motion was made by Larry Gibble and seconded by Judy Deitch and Ed Martin to accept Jackie LeGrand's sketched layout. It will include the fellowship tables arranged in the center with a capacity of 72, with feet washing and hand washing on the sides, men on the north and women on the south as presented by a sketch from Jackie LeGrand. The rows of feet washing chairs will be facing each other in each of the two areas. The hand washing tables will be arranged for minimal walking.
- d. A suggestion was made to provide table (tent) labels that indicate men's hand washing and women's hand washing tables.
- e. Pastor Don is working with Mike Baldwin to secure a keyboard player.
- f. The Andersons said they would volunteer for a table assignment.
- g. Chairman Greg will bring Ken and Carol Gordon and Brad Nicholas up to date regarding LF.
- h. Chairman Greg will also affirm with Garrett Page, Youth Director, that the youth are available for table and chairs set up.
- i. Paper goods: Greg will take an inventory and purchase what is required.
- j. Communion bread is available.
- k. Grape juice: Glenn and Anna Miller.
- l. Pat Trimmer will take the lead in the food preparation. Others will assist her. The menu will be sandwiches and fruits, the specifics to be decided by the above mentioned team.
- m. John and Mary Esther Anderson will purchase the food; the list provided by the food prep. team.
- n. Sound system: Greg will contact the required person(s).

7. Deacon Fund: \$648.71. We spent approximately \$700 to support one member. There will be a special offering in the morning worship service in the near future to shore up the deacon fund. The offering was previously authorized by the Deacons and the Leadership Team in the spring, but the decision was to wait until the fall church season when the larger attendances are more likely. No specific date has been set. Chairman Greg will set the date.

8. Executive Session.

There was a brief pause in the meeting when the deacons met in an Executive Session.

9. Deacons meetings: A question was raised as to whether the deacons need to meet more often than has been the recent practice. After a discussion it was agreed to continue the present meeting schedule and call special meetings if necessary. The present schedule includes a meeting before the Spring Love Feast, a second meeting before the Fall Love Feast, and one late in the year after the Fall Congregational Forum for reorganizational purposes.

10. Next Meeting: Will be held on November 20 after the Sunday morning worship service. Deacons are to bring their own brown bag lunch and beverages.

11. Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned 1:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Larry Gibble, Deacon Secretary

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