

Deacons Meeting Minutes – March 26, 2017



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.")

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The deacons met on March 26, 2017 in Room 154 after the morning worship service. After a blessing by Chair Greg Klinedinst, the deacons lunched together.

Three handouts were distributed after lunch: They were today's agenda, the "April 9, 2017 Love Feast Assignments" and "Fig. 1: Table and Chair Setup."

There were 15 deacons of the 19 deacons present plus Interim Pastor Bob Krouse. They were: John and Mary Esther Anderson, Judy Deitch, Larry Gible, Ken and Carol Gordon, Greg and Debbie Klinedinst, Ed and Arlene Martin, Glenn and Anna Miller, Brad Nicholas, and Galen and Pat Trimmer.

Absent: Brian and Jackie LeGrand and Leonard and Helen Stoner

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Greg Klinedinst at 12:28 P.M.
- 2. Devotions:** Greg then led the deacons in a devotional period from the March 25, 2017 "Our Daily Bread." The scripture was from II Colossians followed by a reading. Greg then led us in a prayer.
- 3. Approval of Agenda:** One item was added to the agenda. It was "Approval of the August 28, 2016 Executive Session" minutes. The revised agenda was then approved.
- 4. Approval of the November, 20, 2016 Deacons meeting Minutes:** A motion was made by Brad Nicholas and seconded by Mary Esther Anderson to accept the November 20, 2016 minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- 5. Approval of the August 28, 2016 Executive Session Minutes:** A motion to accept the August 28, 2016 Executive Session minutes was made by John Anderson and seconded by Brad Nicholas. The minutes were also unanimously approved.

6. Love Feast Planning:

- A. A motion was made by Ed Martin to accept Dolly Furst's offer to volunteer to make the soup. The motion was seconded by Brad Nicholas and was unanimously approved.
- B. Pat Trimmer will work with Dolly and others to provide the other food.
- C. The words to the hymns will be printed on the back of the bulletin. They were much appreciated at the last LF.
- D. Bread preparation will be led by the Millers, assisted by Mary Esther Anderson and Judy Deitch on Friday afternoon, April 7 at 2:00 P.M.
- E. Six tables will be set up.

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F. Chairs for feet washing-women's side. The decision was made to add more space to the women's feet washing area.

G. Hymns will be sung while foot tubs are filled after the Fellowship Meal. Greg Klinedinst will serve as the fourth person on this assignment. Pastor Bob will see that hymns will be available.

H. Several tweaks were made to the "Deacon Assignments for Love Feast" handout, but are not recorded here.

I. Greg Klinedinst said that he is always available to assist wherever needed.

7. Deacon Secretary's Position: The question was again raised, "Has anyone thought about taking over the Deacon Secretary position from Larry?" Chair Greg stated that we need to be thinking about an eventual replacement for Secretary Larry. Physical limitations are increasing and there is a concern about accurate and complete meeting minutes being prepared. And time is passing on.

8. Significant 2017 dates were announced (June 4, October 1).

9. Next meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2017.

10. Deacon Fund for support of a deserving camper. The deacons were reminded that there is deacon funding available for a 50% funding of camping at Camp Eder. One name was suggested.

11. Shut-ins:

A. Pat Trimmer regularly sends cards to our shut-ins on their special dates. She asked the deacons if there are others that she needs to be aware of.


B. It was brought from the floor that in past years at our deacons meetings, the shut-ins list was a regular agenda item for the deacon team's review and updating if needed on in our deacons meeting. It was suggested that we again do that so that all deacons are aware of the entire list of our shut ins. There seemed to be a consensus that it is needed.

12. 2017 Offering Envelopes: Deacons were reminded to pick up any remaining 2017 offering envelopes for those in their deacon groups and deliver them to the members and friends on their lists.

13: Pastor Bob Krouse led in a closing prayer.

14. The meeting was adjourned at 1:09 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

 Larry Gibble, Deacon Secretary