



Board of Deacons Meeting January 8, 2016

Roll Call - Kevin Kritzberger, Mark Hardy, Rob Christiansen, Andy Meeks, Shawn Sommons.
Excused: Kamba Kalubi, George Hardy, John Romero.

Committee Reports:

Activities [Kevin] - Nothing to report.

Benevolence - Nothing to report.

CareGivers [Rob] - Leaders create the culture and the culture grows the community”

- Following the conversation at the Deacon’s meeting November 16, 2015. It was discussed and decided that we would have a Deacon’s “Shepherd’s List.” Deacons will follow up with the needs of Ebenezer congregants identified as widows, widowers, single parents and individuals who have short- or long-term special needs within our church family.
- Deacons will periodically “check in” on identified members. Our purpose being to develop a caring, encouraging relationship as well as being alert to needs that can be met. Any significant needs will be referred to Rob Christiansen, Deacon of Caregivers.

Church-School Liaison [Andy] -

- Carol Aversa, BCS Principal/Head of School, expresses her appreciation for the prayers offered by members of EBFC and for the use of its facilities. BCS’s Annual Open House (Spring Showcase) is scheduled for May 13, 2016. The Liaison Committee will be discussing how EBFC can partner with them for the event.
- Internet connectivity issues (wired & wireless) in the Principal’s Office has been brought to my attention.
 - Discussed who “owns” the Network and what arrangements exist in regards to maintaining the Network, troubleshooting, repairing, etc.

Community Concerns [John] - Nothing to report.

Counting [Kevin] - Nothing to report.

Elder Liaison [Shawn] - Nothing to report.

Ordinances [Kamba] - Nothing to report.

Property [George] - See attached report.

Crisis Management [Andy & John] –

- Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Emergency Response Plan - Distributed via email, the final edited copy of the Plan, to members of the Deacon Board. No response has been received from other members of the Deacon Board regarding specific concerns or items to be discussed. Special attention is made to plans to move forward in order to utilize the Church office as the Command Center because of the infrastructure that already exists at that location (i.e., phone, camera feeds, PA, etc.)
- The following members of EBFC have agreed to serve as Security Committee members for 2016:
 1. Tom Galloway
 2. Blake Kuntz
 3. Leroy Marsh
 4. Robert Lofthouse

Transportation [Mark] -

- Mini-Bus:
 - Possible issue with serpentine belt - sounds like it is loose/slipping.
- Van:
 - No issues.

Technology [Mark] -

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Ushers [Rob] -

- Ushers had a busy holiday season. Ten ushers volunteered for two Christmas Eve Services.
- Currently we have two members who are stepping off of usher teams, Joe Favere and Dave Lissy. We are appreciative of them for their faithful service in this ministry! We are currently in need of two ushers to fill the vacancies.

Closing Prayer - Mark Hardy

Next Meeting - March 21, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Hardy,
Deacon Board Secretary

Benevolence Report

January 2016

Besides the 2016 Annual Report, here are a couple of other items to report.

- Helped a member with ½ of the rent payments for Dec-15 and Jan-16
- Paid \$500 of bills for a member
- Paid some bills for a mother in the MOPS ministry
- In November transferred \$4,000 to the Faith Promise for to help EBFC missionaries with unforeseen expenses
- Finalized and sent an updated Benevolence Policy to the Finance Committee
- A couple of members have approached us on helping them pay some medical bills. We are in the process of discussing now.

Benevolence Committee Members:

Kevin Kritzberger, Steve & Diann McDaniel, Keith Beyer, and Joe Meier

Property Committee Annual Report 2015

Property committee members: George Hardy, Kevin Kritzberger, Otis Powell, and Wayne Batten

Some of the projects completed this year were:

- Replaced the windows on the south side offices
- Replaced the windows on the north side of the gym.
- Repaired the wiring for the south church sign
- Replaced the sanctuary and south/west metal roof, added ventilation and more insulation.
- Repaired masonry work on gym walls and parsonage chimney.
- Added a new rain gutter and repaired old one in the playground area.
- Removed the three Linden trees in front of the church and replaced them with smaller Trident Maple trees that should not damage the sidewalks.
- Removed and replaced concrete sidewalks in front of the church and at the west end of the church due to safety hazards.
- Did a test strip on caulking with backer rods to try and save the gym roof for longer term use? We will monitor over the next couple years to see if it will work.

Mark Florentine has volunteered to be the chairman of the kitchen committee. We are still in need of more volunteers for this committee which helps keep the kitchen orderly, set up, serve and clean up for pot luck dinners and church social events not being run by another committee.

Planned projects for 2016:

We are planning on repairing cracks, seal coating and relining the parking lots and driveway, repair the sewage pipe under the BCS storage shed in the playground area and replace the HVAC unit in the church library.

Long term capital projects may include:

Replace the lighting in the sanctuary, replace the lighting in the foyer, replace the flooring in the lobby and foyer area, remove room 2 to open up the lobby, replace or repair the fellowship hall roof, expand the parking lot.

We greatly appreciate all those who signed up to take care of the various flowerbeds. It was a tremendous help and they looked great.

I would like to thank the volunteers that helped Kevin Kritzberger and the property committee throughout the year with the many hours of donated labor to help maintain and improve our building and grounds.

I would like to add a special thank you to Otis Powell who has saved the church thousands of dollars over the years doing hundreds of hours of volunteered electrical work.

I would also like to thank the committee members who served with me this year on the property committee. It was a pleasure working with you and I look forward to serving with you again on the committee for 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
George Hardy
Property Committee Chairman