



Deacons Meeting January 21, 2013

Opening Prayer: John Romero opened with prayer.

Devotional: Bruce led with some thoughts concerning Psalm 108:5.

Nominations: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Co-Secretary.

Rob Christiansen nominated Bruce Eckel and Kevin Kritzberger for chairman and vice chairman, respectively. Rob Christiansen also nominated Mark Hardy for Secretary; John Romero volunteered to assist as Co-Secretary, and was nominated as such. All nominations were unanimously approved.

Activities Committee:

Valentine's Day Banquet - February 15

Pricing of the event was discussed, and comments were noted to be delivered to the Activities Committee.

Caregivers:

- John Elston is joining the team.
- Meal Ministry – Kevin met with Pastor Jason and Laura Sommons concerning meals.
 - Jason will be handling funeral luncheons and emergency meals in the future.
 - Laura will handle 'baby'/new Mom meals.

BCS Liaison Committee:

- Building Expenses – Discussion concerning BCS contribution towards major future building expenses - i.e. Gym roof. It was felt that the spirit of the agreement was for improvements directly beneficial to the School and not meant for maintenance or wear- and-tear work. There presently are some funds available, perhaps for kitchen counter replacement.
- Serving Room – Continuing issues with the kitchen and serving room not being cleaned up after use (particularly Sunday morning/afternoon).

Community Concerns:

Lifeline Screening: due to lack of interest (only two EBFC people attended), it will be discontinued in 2013.

Benevolence: End of year (2012) balance of \$6,042.91.

Ordinances:

Kamba reported need for additional baptismal robes and a few additional towels; he will research pricing and coordinate with Bruce.

Volunteers Needed:

Recommend creating a bulletin insert listing ministries which are in need of volunteers, to encourage people to find a place to serve.

Property: Conference Room getting new carpet and being repainted.

Security:

- Committee Chairman – Rob Lofthouse did not seek re-election; Rob was chairman of Security Committee and also acted as Secretary for the board. John Romero has volunteered to fill-in for Rob as chairman of Security, with Blake Kuntz acting as co-chair. The deacons would like to thank Rob for his service and hard work. From implementing the security camera system, to creating the security team and EBFC Security and Safety Procedures/Policies, Rob laid a great foundation for keeping Ebenezer safe and secure.
- Locking Interior Doors – New procedures for locking interior doors will be implemented March 3, 2013.
 - All interior rooms/classrooms will be locked at all times.
 - Ministry leaders/teachers will be responsible for unlocking and locking rooms when used.
 - Those who suspect they will need a key, should see their ministry leader(s).

Ushers:

Discussion concerning first service attendance approaching capacity limits, and different seating procedures after the service begins - i.e. asking people to move-in towards the center aisle, putting last row of chairs out only after service begins, etc.

Transportation:

- Logo/lettering for the new van will be done in the first quarter of 2013.
- Van appears to be leaking brake fluid; it will be inspected by Bethlehem Ford prior to any further use.

Next Meeting: March 18, 2013, 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Hardy,
Acting Secretary to the Board of Deacons

Counting Report

- Due to two fall resignations and one death among our counters and only one volunteer for replacement we were forced to reduce the counting teams from six to five.
- The new counting schedule for 2013 has been sent out in December and everyone has a copy to refer to.
- One additional counter has resigned as of Friday, January 18th and an ad for a replacement will be placed in the weekly e-mail newsletter and the bulletin looking for a volunteer to come aboard.

Respectively submitted,
Bruce Eckel

ACTIVITIES MEETING

OCTOBER 8, 2013

OPENING PRAYER: 6:10 pm

ATTENDANCE: LAMONT & JUDY SEYFRIED, SHARON KRITZBERGER, STEVE MAGDITCH, LINDA TONA. EXCUSED WERE ROB CHRISTIANSEN AND DONNA D'IMPERIO

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **DAY TRIPS:** BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C. IS BEING LOOKED INTO FOR THE CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL IN LATE MARCH OR EARLY APRIL.
- **SPORTS:** MEN'S BASKETBALL HAS BEEN CONTINUING TO MEET ON THURSDAY NIGHT'S. DART BASEBALL HAS BEEN ONGOING. THE LEADERSHIP IS WORKING ON A MISSION STATEMENT AND IS WORKING WITH THE LEAGUE TO SOLIDIFY A MORE CHRISTIAN APPROACH TO THE LEAGUE. ATHLETES FOR CHRIST IS HOSTING THE KID'S BASKETBALL PROGRAM THRU THE WINTER AND IS LOOKING INTO A HIGH ENDURANCE WOMEN'S EXERCISE PROGRAM
- **SKIING:** A SUNDAY NIGHT SKI TRIP IS BEING PLANNED FOR LATE FEBRUARY. DETAILS FORTHCOMING.
- **VALENTINE'S BANQUET:** FEBRUARY 15TH AT 6:30PM. PASTOR BRIAN WILL BE THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE IN MARCH TO DISCUSS FUTURE COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION AND EVENTS.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
KEVIN KRITZBERGER

Benevolence Committee Report –January 2013

Attendance: Bruce Eckel, Maria and Eric Sherer, Steve McDaniel, Joe Meier

Excused: Kevin Kritzberger, Diann McDaniel

Opening Prayer: Bruce

Balance of Benevolence Account end of Dec-12 is \$6,042.91.

- In 2013 the Benevolence Committee will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the odd months.
- Tim Gibson referred an attendee to the Benevolence Committee for possible financial assistance. We are following up.
- A member who had surgery recently will be going back to work very soon. We paid their Jan-2013 rent.
- Nehemiah's Wall – Ebenezer has chosen not to financially support Nehemiah's Wall, at this time.

Closing Prayer: Maria

Adjourned: 6:40pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Joe Meier

COMMUNITY CONCERNS – JANUARY 2013

LIFELINE SCREENING – Received a \$20 check for the two Ebenezer people who had screenings. I deposited the funds in the Community Concerns 2013 budget account 7950. I plan to discontinue this activity in 2013 due to low interest by Ebenezer folks.

NANCY RUN FIRE CO. – Donated my remaining budget of \$100 to the Nancy Run Fire Co., per request.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Smith

Property Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2012

Prepared by George Hardy

In attendance were: George Hardy, Kevin Kritzberger, Otis Powell, Wayne Batten, and Gary Young
Pastor Tim's office renovations are complete
Conference room carpet will be replaced in the near future and walls will be painted

We will be getting more info on the metal roof replacement quotes for the sanctuary, south side and west end of the main building

Hurricane Sandy storm damage – west end flower bed blue spruce blew over and snapped off at the base, three spruce trees around the retention pond blew over, one piece of siding blew off the northeast corner of the sanctuary, several pieces of flashing blew off, one ridge vent lifted up over room 9, water leaked in above the windows in room 14.

Several requests for improvements at the parsonage were presented for future consideration. They included: replacing the carpet in the living room, dining room, and hall with hard wood floors, adding a tile back splash above kitchen counters, and putting a French door into the room to the right of the foyer.

Proposed capital projects for 2013 and the future were reviewed:

1. Replace the rest of original metal roof
2. Parsonage drainage, landscaping, seeding
3. Parking lot crack and curb sealing
4. Kitchen Countertops
5. Roof repairs over rooms 10-14

The two HVAC units for room 8 and the serving room are 25 years old. The average life of a Heat pump is 10-15 years. We need to keep **\$20,000** set aside in savings for when these units go. They are both working fine and have been for a long time but we need to be prepared to replace them at any time.

Future Expenses - Capital and Building

1. Foyer lighting replacement and upgrade
2. Fellowship Hall roof replacement
3. Parking lot expansion escrow
4. Parking lot expansion

A used convection oven for the kitchen is being donated by Lehigh Country Club. We will need to cut the counter top and remove some cabinets to make room for it to the right of our present range. We will need to install a 50 amp breaker for it and pull new conduit and wires for it.

Old copies of the building use guidelines were handed out and comments were requested for the next meeting to update them.

Parking lot needs to be resealed in cracks and curbing and we will get a quote for possibly recoating the entire surface.

The partition in the gym needs to be serviced on a regular basis and we need to start budgeting for this every three years.

We will order more security cameras that were requested.

Next meeting date February 18, 2013 at 6:30pm.