



Board of Deacons Meeting March 17, 2013

Roll Call

Bruce Eckel, Kevin Kritzberger, Joe Meier, John Romero, George Hardy, Rob Christiansen, Kamba Kalubi, and Mark Hardy

Devotional & Opening Prayer

Bruce led with some thoughts concerning Psalm 108:5. Kamba opened with prayer.

Discussion Items:

1. Activities Committee [Kevin]:
 - Seeking more people to serve on the committee.
 - Zumba trying to increase awareness & attendance.
 - InSideOut Coaching Clinic
 - May 17th, 9am-1pm,
 - First Baptist Church, Perkasio, PA
 - Sponsored by Push The Rock & FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)
2. Benevolence [Joe]:
 - Balance of Benevolence Account end of February 2014 is \$16,835.88.
 - Requests have been light lately.
 - Weis – Setting up an account with Weis Markets to order groceries online for person we are helping vs. giving Giant Gift Cards. Will be paying with PayPal, so we are also setting up PayPal account. Kevin or Steve to do the ordering. Our first test will be purchasing food for the next Bridge Ministry dinner.
 - Benevolence transactions are (were) accessible on community drive. Mark Hardy setting up security so no one but authorized persons can get at the Benevolence information on the computer in the copy room.
 - Keith Beyer working with a member who will be losing their home. Their house is on the market. Young Adults are helping to clean the house. The father is suffering from ALS and is in a nursing home. EBFC members and attendees are providing meals. Food is not an issue at this time. Steve offered to help file their taxes. Have \$2K coming in from Social Security disability, insurance taking care of the nursing home bills. They have other debt. More to come later
 - EBFC Credit card donations - nothing stated about strongly discouraging the use of credit cards. Joe intends to discuss this with the Elders.
3. Caregivers [Rob]:
 - Some kinship groups have been stepping up and checking on those in their group who were in need of assistance during this winter's storms.
4. BCS Liaison Committee [Bruce]:
 - The school staff has been briefed about the new lockup procedures.
 - BCS graciously moved their Spring Open House to March 21 (instead of March 14th), after Ebenezer scheduled the March Missions Conference in conflict with BCS' previously scheduled event.
 - BCS designated their annual \$1500 Special Projects contribution to cover the building-wide Emergency Intercom System.
5. Community Concerns [John]:
 - Working on a re-branding of Manna Ministry.

6. Counting [Bruce]:
 - New 'blue' Benevolence money bags were purchased.
 - Currently fully staffed.
7. Ordinances [Kamba]:
 - Kevin will purchase the new baptismal robe(s).
 - Needs Deacons to reply quicker to Communion signup.
8. Property [George]:
 - HVAC problems with rooms 5, 8, 15-19, BCS hallway, and serving room/kitchen (see report for details).
 - Keys for the new door lock policy should only be given to EBFC members who have a valid reason to need a key. Members who need them to lead temporary meetings or studies should return them at the end of the series of meetings or studies.
 - Some of the rain gutters along the back of the church in the playground area are coming off the building again. Will either repair or replace.
 - We looked at garage door options for the parsonage from several suppliers. We will have them installed sometime this spring.
 - We feel the committee for the streaming of video and sound to the gym should meet with members of the property and all others that will be involved in the project to talk through the installation and room usage for this project.
 - The new furniture and chair choices for the youth room were approved as requested.
 - The facility usage request from Nehemiah Wall is not approved at this time. It may be reevaluated in the future if circumstances change.
 - We received a quote for exterior security cameras which we do not feel we are ready to install at this time due to cost and need for them. We may consider this at some time in the future if the need becomes a priority.
 - Next meeting date is April 21, 2014 at 6:30 pm.
9. Security [John]:
 - No recent incidents to report.
10. Transportation [Mark]:
 - Kevin replaced wiper blades on the mini-bus, which were damaged during a recent snow/ice storm.
 - Pastor Tim, Pastor Mark, and Kevin Hardy are looking for drivers to be trained on EBFC's vehicles to pickup/drop-off students at Lehigh University, for the Sunday worship service and Sunday School.
11. Ushers [John]:
 - Discussion concerning sanctuary seating - how to get people to sit closer towards the front, move in towards the center aisle.

Elections:

- Joe Meier nominated Kevin Kritzberger for Chairman, and John Romero for Vice Chairman of the Deacon Board. Both were passed unanimously.
- Mark Hardy was re-nominated to be Secretary. Rob Christiansen volunteered to serve as Vice Secretary, when Mark is not present. Both were passed unanimously.

Mark Hardy closed the meeting in prayer.

Next Meeting: May 19, 2014, 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Hardy, Secretary to the Board of Deacons

Benevolence Committee Report –March 2014

The Benevolence Committee met Thursday, February 27th.

Attendees: Kevin Kritzberger, Keith Beyer, Dianne and Steve McDaniel, Joe Meier

Excused: Bruce Eckel, Maria and Eric Sherer

Opening Prayer: Keith

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Steve will help with an attendees taxes, and Food Stamps application as well.

Church Finance Benevolence article

Closing Prayer: Steve

Respectfully Submitted,
Joe Meier

EBFC - BCS Liaison Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 27th, 2014 2:00 PM

Attendees: Laura Harris, Steve McDaniel, Otis Powell, Bob Smith, Kevin Kritzberger and Bruce Eckel

Opening Prayer By Steve McDaniel

1) Locking Up Of Rooms - Practice begins the weekend of February 28th and all BCS teachers will be notified to lock their class doors at end of school day. EBFC ministries will lock doors of rooms they use and Sunday church lockup person will secure any rooms that are open.

2) BCS moved their open house from Friday, March 14th to Friday, March 21st to accommodate church's mission & evangelism conference meeting.

3) Steve McDaniel will coordinate having a school representative speak briefly in upcoming Sunday services about the BCS and their appreciation and cooperation between BCS and EFBC.

4) The 2014-2015 facilities agreement is being prepared and when completed will be sent to deacons and elders for approval.

5) Working toward integrating phone, internet and other technology to one account incorporating church and school for savings and benefits for both entities.

6) Intercom project between church office and classrooms and school office and classrooms has been installed and paid for by BCS. Thanks to the school for paying for this project which totaled \$1500.

Closing prayer by Otis Powell.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45.

Property Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2014

The electric back up heat for the heat pump in rooms 15-19 has been installed but the compressor is not working at all on the outdoor unit for those rooms. It may have to be replaced if the repair is too costly. We are continuing to have problems with the unit in room 5 which keeps turning off whenever the temperature is below freezing. This unit may also have to be replaced like we did with the one in room 4. The BCS hallway unit needs to be checked because it does not always come on when called for. The unit for the serving room and kitchen will be replaced as soon as we finish the project in room 8.

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Prepared by George Hardy