



**EBENEZER**  
BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

## **Board of Deacons Meeting**

### **March 20, 2017**

#### **Opening**

The regular meeting of the EBFC Monthly Deacon's Meeting was called to order at 18:35 on 3/20/17 in EBFC Conference Room by Kevin Kritzberger.

#### **Attendance**

Rob Christiansen	present	Kamba Kalubi	present
Mark Dammeyer	present	Kevin Kritzberger	present
Mark Florentine	present	Andy Meeks	present
George Hardy	present	Bob Penchick	present
Mark Hardy	present	Shawn Sommons	Excused

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

#### **Open Issues**

Discussed plan for monthly meetings, with combination of devotional time, prayer time, and business.

Reviewed Bob's new role as chairman of Benevolence and Mark's new role as chair of Caregiving.

Shawn reported (via email) that elders did not have a chance to talk about Community Concerns and the vision for that committee.

#### **New Business**

No new business at this meeting. Beginning of "Not a Fan" study series...

Reports attached....

#### **Agenda for Next Meeting**

Kevin asked us to bring biblical references to our devotional time next month.

#### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm by Kevin Kritzberger. The next general meeting will be at 6:30pm on April 17, 2017, in EBFC Conference Room.

Minutes submitted by: Mark A. Dammeyer

**Usher Report:**

E-mail went out to all ushers regarding the following:

We have initiated our new "dress code" policy. Word went out that ushers can come in more "relaxed" attire.

We have a great need for ushers during second service Crew 3 (March/June/September/December). We can use 2-3 more second service ushers.

Thankful for subs that filled in during the month of March.

Submitted by Rob Christiansen

# Technology Report

March 2017

## Database

- In mid-February, we exited the testing phase of the FileMaker Pro database; Pastor Dick completed the changeover from our old database software (Servant Keeper) to an in-house/locally hosted database (FileMaker Pro Server 15), and the office staff began solely entering data into FMP. He continues to make changes to the 'look and feel', and the functionality, at the request of Robbin and Rachel. Last year, at the beginning of FMP trials, in light of firewall and network conflicts it was deemed beneficial to extend an offer to BCS to host their existing FMP database collectively with ours; they graciously agreed and offered their current FMP server - a Mac Mini - as a host computer. Pastor Dick completed RAM and OS upgrades to the Mac Mini, and as of March 18, he completed migration from the Macbook Pro we were using to host the software during testing, to BCS' Mac Mini.

## Hardware

- Conference Room
  - In mid-February, a donated flat screen TV was mounted on the wall in the conference room; a blu-ray player was added a few weeks later.
  - A second blu-ray player was purchased for use on a designated projector cart.
  - A desktop computer and webcam (mounted on the TV) was installed to allow video conference. In the near future, we expect to install a dedicated USB microphone to resolve audio issues with skype. Also, a permanent WiFi adapter for that computer is still needed; we are currently planning on repurposing the second copy room computer and using that WiFi adapter.
- Workstations
  - Currently shopping for replacement monitors for Robbin's dual screen workstation; she is the only remaining employee workstation still using a square (not wide screen) display.
  - We are currently planning to purchase RAM to upgrade the Finance computer, and possibly also the Facility Manager and Worship/Youth Assistant workstations, to 8GB total RAM.

Mark Hardy  
Technology Committee

## BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE

### MEETING-

Feb. 23, 2017, seven members in attendance. Discussed three pending benevolence requests, reviewed current policies for new members.

### ACTIVITY-

- Request for one month rent for church members rent was discussed. Committee decided to grant request for \$623.50. Payment made to landlord.

-Non-member made request (2-24-17) for food, diapers, and toilet paper. Person given two \$25 Gift Cards, canned food, diapers, snacks and water. Upon further review of records this person had a previous request with conflicting information.

-Request made for contribution toward overdue storage space rent. Church member at risk of losing personal belonging if full over-due rent not paid. After an interview with member, committee decided to pay the requested amount of \$300.00 (3-7-17). Payment sent to Storage Company. Similar payment had been made by committee in previous months. Member agreed to empty storage unit in order to eliminate storage expense.

-Currently under consideration is pending request for contribution toward members rent of \$208.25 as promised to member by Pastor.

### FUTURE-

Next Benevolence meeting scheduled for April 23, 2017 or as needed.

Respectively Submitted,  
March 20, 2017  
Robert Penchick  
Committee Chairman

# ACTIVITIES

**MEETING DATE:** No specific date. Ongoing communication via phone and email.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SPORTS:** Zumba is still being held on Monday and Thursday evenings with attendance around 9-12 women in each. Open dialogue is continuing in regards to the switch over from Zumba to an all-around mixture of women's fitness classes. The basketball sessions through AFC has concluded and the spring soccer sessions will be beginning on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

**ALL CHURCH:** two new members to the committee planned a family Nerf war which was held on March 11<sup>th</sup>

## **Special events:**

**New business:** two new committee members were brought to my attention and a meeting will be scheduled within the next month.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

KEVIN KRITZBERGER