



Board of Deacons Meeting May 19, 2014

Roll Call: George Hardy, Kevin Kritzberger, Rob Christiansen, John Romero, Bruce Eckel, Mark Hardy, Joe Meier, Kamba Kalubi.

Meeting Opened by Kevin:

- Kevin shared Proverbs 17:17, and how Bruce has been a great friend and great servant at Ebenezer of the years. This was his last Deacon Board Meeting.
- John shared about Bruce's involvement in the Bridge ministry, and how Bruce was indeed a light to the lost during his service there.

Deacon Designations:

In light of the fact that Bruce is moving away and can no longer serve as the Chairman of the Deacon Board or oversee the Counting and Liaison Committees, the following designations have been decided:

- Ushers/Safety, Caregivers – Rob Christiansen
- Property – George Hardy
- Transportation – Mark Hardy
- Ordinances – Kamba Kalubi
- Activities, Counting Offering, Church/School Liaison – Kevin Kritzberger
- Benevolence – Joe Meier
- Community Concerns – John Romero

- Chairman – Kevin Kritzberger
- Vice-Chairman – John Romero
- Secretary – Mark Hardy
- Vice-Secretary – Rob Christiansen

Discussion Items:

1. Property
 - **Fellowship Hall Roof** – We will ask the roofing contractors about a proposed experiment to try and save the gym roof for a longer period of time. We would then monitor the effect over the next 2-3 years and see if it works. If it works, this would be a fix that allows us to keep our present roofing panel system for a much longer period of time, instead of replacing it, as previously proposed, for a cost of about \$200,000. The cost of this test and doing the whole roof if it works is yet to be determined.
 - **Sanctuary Roof** – Replacement of the sanctuary roof will be rebid from contractors with new specifications that will provide proper venting for shingles verses a metal roof and additional insulation.
2. Kitchen – We still need a volunteer to chair the Kitchen Committee, as well as volunteers to serve on the committee.
3. Ordinances – Full replacement of baptismal gowns will be delayed, due to budget concerns.

4. Technology
 - Possible cloud backup of server; Mark will research options & pricing.
 - Problems with malware/spyware/viruses on church pcs.
 - Contemplating purchase of MalwareBytes/Antivirus Software licenses.
 - It was suggested that church pcs be configured to prohibit installation/downloading of programs, by church staff.

5. Ushers – Kevin mentioned an issue of an attendee who felt unwelcome. Pastors asked ushers and deacons to continue to make an effort to welcome all attenders.

6. Streaming Project
 - Possible camera locations
 - Deacons voted in favor of a fixed/mounted camera at second pillar, but are not in favor of placing a manned tri-pod at that location.
 - Second pillar would be a bad location for a tri-pod, due to most likely blocking access to pews and aisle (i.e. fire hazard); also, issue with walkers/wheelchairs that are frequently used in the pews around that pillar/area.

7. Nominations – Discussed candidates.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Hardy,
Deacon Board Secretary

Activities Committee

May 2014

As far as the activities committee, I am still searching for some more members to be on the committee. I only have had one response to the notice that was put in the bulletin a few months ago. Some names have been given to me this past week for specific areas of the ministry and I will be following up on them shortly. The sunrise service potluck breakfast had approximately 55 people who stayed around for fellowship. There were approximately 70 people who showed for the service. Dart baseball has ended. Softball has started and the team has bought into a new program this year called "I am Second" and it's spawning a lot of conversation and ministry opportunities to further spread the Gospel of Christ. We are looking forward to what God is going to do with this team this year.

Thanks and God bless!
Kevin Kritzberger

Caregivers

May 2014

Caregivers has been called on to assist with four situations in the last couple months. Assistance was provided in three of the four requests:

- Assistance was provided for a widow with a one time home repair.
(Pastoral request)
- Continued assistance will be provided for another widow with lawn care until she can come up with other solution. A neighbor from church is assisting. (Family request)
- All church 'ministry opportunity' was requested for moving assistance.
Request sent via email to men of the church by Pastor Bickings (Pastoral request)
- Assistance building a ramp for healthcare need was requested. Reached out to family / no reply back. (Pastoral request)

A request has been made to Pastor Bickings that a church wide e-mail list be provided to Caregivers Ministry for 'ministry opportunities'.

Thanks

Rob Christiansen

Community Concerns & Ushers

May 2014

This last month we made the decision not to have Life Screen come out to the church for screening. We talked about this last year and decided there were not a lot of church members using this due to expense and time. I did talk with the supervisor and told her to keep our name on the list for contact next time. Also we are trying to jump-start Manna with a new name of Jehovah-jireh meaning God will provide. This will also include a new way the ministry helps out the community.

Ushers are doing well and Rob and I are trying to meet so I can give him all the files for the Usher ministry.

All for HIS Glory,
John Romero

Benevolence Committee Report

May 2014

The Benevolence Committee meeting was cancelled in April due to scheduling issues.

Helped a member with buying clothing for her sons. Also continue to help her by giving food gift cards.

Paid the security deposit for a member who needs to move out of their house. Probably will need to provide some additional support.

Need to meet with another member family about support needed. They mainly have an income crisis which is causing their financial difficulties.

Paid a utility bill for a former attendee.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joe Meier

Property Committee

May 2014

Replacement of the sanctuary roof will be rebid from contractors with new specifications that will provide proper venting for shingles versus a metal roof and additional insulation. This would include removing the existing sheathing, adding 3 ½ inches of fiberglass insulation, adding studs running from the bottom of the roof to the top, then 5/8th sheathing and the new shingles.

We will also ask the roofing contractors about a proposed experiment to try and save the gym roof for a longer period of time. This would involve cutting through the roof at the seams of the roof panels and filling them with expanding foam or caulk and foam rods. This would keep moist vapor from coming up through the panels and condensing below the shingles, then freezing and causing them to raise up and crack in the winter. The test would involve just one row of seams from the top to bottom of the roof. We would then monitor the effect over the next 2-3 years and see if it works. If it does, we would have all the seams sealed the next time we need to replace the shingles. This would be a fix if it works that would allow us to keep our present roofing panel system for a much longer period of time instead of replacing it as previously proposed for a cost of about \$200,000. The cost of this test and doing the whole roof if it works is yet to be determined.

A new Trane HVAC unit for rooms 15-19 has been installed. We still need to replace the serving room/kitchen unit and we are still having problems with the units in rooms 5 & 6. We hope to have the second unit in room 8 connected and working soon also.

The next streaming video meeting will be this Thursday at 7 pm. We will be looking at the storage room near the front door as a possible location for the equipment and control room.

We were asked to look at the possibility of leveling the sidewalk across the street from the main entrance. Some of the sections have been raised up from tree roots creating an area that can cause tripping or twisting of ankles. We will check out our best options for this and discuss in the future.

A request came in from Duane Miller from Sauder pew company to write letters of referral about the process of obtaining our new pews from them.

Next meeting date is June 16, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

Prepared by George Hardy

Transportation Report

May 2014

Van

- Nothing new to report.

Mini-Bus

- Kevin noticed the tailpipe on the bus appeared to be hanging lower than normal; I had seen it on Easter Sunday, but forgot to check up on it until Kevin mentioned it to me. After closer inspection, we realized the last 3 feet or so of tailpipe was completely 'rusted through' and was no longer connected to the exhaust system - it was dangling from the frame on a single support strap.
 - Repair was performed by STS, in Nazareth, for a total cost of \$257.46.
 - Only the rusted section - last/end section of the tailpipe (after market extension by El Dorado, for cutaway models) - was replaced.
 - Since forward of the 'extension section' was not rusted at all, STS suspects that El Dorado used non-OEM metal to extend the pipe for our model.
 - Our tax exempt status will be kept on file at STS Nazareth.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Hardy