



Board of Deacons Meeting July 18, 2016

Roll Call - George Hardy, Mark Hardy, Rob Christiansen, Kevin Kritzberger, John Romero, Andy Meeks (call in); Shawn Sommons, Pastor Tim Gibson, Pastor Mark Culton, Excused: Kamba Kalubi.

Discussion:

- Discussed Tim Keller's "Generous Justice" and use of the term "social justice." Specifically, Keller's replacement of the original text [Psalm 33:5, Jeremiah 9:23-34] with the term "social justice."
 - General discussion over the term social justice, and its toxicity.
- A Biblical definition of "Justice"
 - "Loving your neighbor as yourself by being generous, truthful and compassionate - especially towards those who are vulnerable or weak." Widows, poor, immigrants, unborn... merciful to the weak and vulnerable
 - NOT political or economical.

Committee Reports:

Activities [Kevin] -

- Began planning for the cookout in September.
 - Discussed options to decrease cost.
- AFC spring soccer program ended and we are beginning registrations for the fall program. We are in the planning phase of partnering with Life Church on Newburg Road, in order to grow the program in our area. They have the land to house the older kid's programs. We have had 28 kids participate in the program here at EBFC. The Zumbathon fundraiser on May 21st which benefited Carenet of the Lehigh Valley saw around 40 women participate. Softball has ended and has seen some growth in individuals on the team through accountability partners which were set up. We will be doing a Bible study in the off season.

Benevolence [Kevin] -

- Balance is around \$16k. We had an emergency meeting on Sunday July 17th to review a case of a family that is in need that is from another country.

CareGivers [Rob] -

- A lawn mower was repaired and delivered (for one of our members). Kevin assisted another member with a problem she was having with her mower.
- Continue to follow up with needs of those we have been working with.

Church-School Liaison [Andy] -

- A proposal was made for EBFC to cover 100% of the monthly RCN internet bill for the 2016/2017 BCS Facility Agreement.

Community Concerns [John] - Nothing to report.

Counting [Kevin] -

- Two instances of benevolence money being left in the case and not counted; the issue has been addressed.

Elder Liaison [Shawn] - Nothing to report.

Ordinances [Kamba] - Nothing to report.

Property [George] -

- See report.

Crisis Management [Andy & John] - Nothing to report.

Transportation [Mark] -

- Vehicle Maintenance
 - Mini-Bus:
 - During annual State Inspection, Bethlehem Ford found that the Mini-bus needs one front-right ball joint replaced; they recommend doing both right joints at the same time (to save on future labor, since the whole 'area' needs to be disassembled anyway) - front left joints are ok. Also, the front brake pads separated from the backing plate, and need to be replaced. Repairs will be done Monday, July 18th.
 - Van:
 - The van was dropped off for inspection on Monday, July 18th.
- A decision was made to reimburse Heather Hunsberger's stolen items from the Transportation Budget.

Technology [Mark] -

- Discussed renewal of BCS' subscription for the Cisco Meraki system.

Ushers [Rob] -

- Submitted a request for ushers through the church newsletter and the weekly newsletter. We added 1 new usher for first service, and 1 more for second. We ideally need 1 more, for first service at this time.

New Business -

- Special Benevolence need

Next Meeting – September 19, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Hardy,
Deacon Board Secretary

Property Meeting Minutes May 16, 2016

The property committee met with Pastor Tim to make suggested changes to the EBFC Facility usage policy, related forms and charges for using our facility for non EBFC sponsored events. This version with changes will be presented to the Deacons and Elders for discussion and their approval.

The telephone system has been replaced at a cost of \$12,688 and part of that will be paid by BCS.

The parking lot repairs and sealcoating were discussed. We need approximately \$22,000 for crack repairs and another \$18,000 for seal coating and to re-line the lot. We will request \$40,000 to cover the cost of this work for the 2017 budget.

We got two quotes to re-commission the HVAC computer control system to make sure it is working properly and was set up properly in the first place. One quote was for \$10,000 and the other for \$5,800. We feel both of these are too costly for what we are getting and are actually thinking about scrapping the whole system and going back to individual thermostats at some time in the future. It has been a very costly system to maintain ever since we purchased it.

We got a quote to do some repairs to the lawn from the roofing project and the snow removal from the BCS entrance area, also to replace soil erosion from along the sidewalks. The price was \$3,200 which we felt was too high for what needed to be done. We are going to talk to the deacons about doing this work ourselves on a work day.

Kevin mentioned finding some damage to the storm drain back by the dumpster. We will take a look at it and decide the best solution for the problem.

Some of the rocks in the retention pond have been washed away and need to be moved back where they belong.

Next meeting date is August 15, 2016 at 9:30 am

Prepared by George Hardy