

# Board of Deacons Meeting

## November 17, 2104

### Meeting Opening:

Kamba opened in prayer. Then Kevin shared an excerpt from *Uncommon Marriage: Daily Adventure* (Day 1) focus on "At the Center" Phil. 2 1-2 ... Make Christ the Center.

### Discussion:

September 16, 2014 meeting minutes approved.

### Ordinances

- Kamba – No new news, everything smooth.

### Activities

- SPORTS : Zumba still is being held on Monday and Thursday evenings with attendance around 9-12 women in each as well as Wednesday mornings. Wholly Fit, which is less intense and focuses on "static training," will be continuing on a regular basis Friday mornings. Fit 4 Him has been cancelled. We will be starting a Kinder- basketball program thru AFC on Saturday mornings beginning January 3<sup>rd</sup>, and will continue thru March 7<sup>th</sup>. Dart baseball has an issue right now that we are working thru. Further discussion with deacons will be needed.
- ALL CHURCH: Thanksgiving celebration will be on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and Bethlehem & Beyond festivities will be on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Help is needed on both of these events.

### Benevolence

- See report.

### Counting

- We had a meeting with John Romero and Andy Meeks to go over the handling of counterfeit money. A discussion with the finance team will be needed to come up with a plan in the event a counterfeit bill is found during the counting of the offering.

### Care Givers

- Served with Kevin Gascho to help a member move furniture in their home as well as taking donations to Goodwill.

### Ushers

- Kevin looked at evacuation plans with fire inspector; Changes will need to be discussed with usher crews.
- Rob Lofthouse has faithfully served as an usher but will be stepping away from the position. John Romero will be stepping onto that crew

### Transportation

- See attached report.

### Community Concerns

- Lynnfield Tree (Date to be determined) in foyer – Gift tags for congregation to pick from. To be blessing for certain number of families – potential start date Dec. 1st

### Property

- Fire inspection was performed. List of action items will be completed within 60 days.

### BCS Liaison

- The school would like to thank the few deacons that came out on Saturday at the last minute to help spread the remaining mulch.

### **New Business:**

Discussed how to address disorderly conduct during service.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rob Christiansen,  
Vice-Secretary

## **Benevolence Committee Report –November 2014**

The Benevolence Committee (BC) met on 11/06/14. All Committee members were in attendance, except Keith Beyer, who was excused.

Balance End of Oct-14: \$16,586.42

We paid a member's car insurance, water, and electric bills. We have been helping this member for some time. We will need to continue to help the member. We also paid another member's car insurance bill.

We purchased oil for a member. Heating oil is a good price vs. last year, at least at this time.

The BC will again send some Thanksgiving and Christmas Giant gift cards. The YACS might be giving turkeys and other fixings at Christmas time. The BC has decided not to coordinate with the YACS for Christmas this year because we do not have the manpower to do it. The BC will pass the names of the folks we will be giving gift cards to and the YACS can then decide on whom they would like to offer the turkey/fixings. The Thanksgiving cards will be sent the week of 11/17.

The BC is considering sending a \$500 check to the church that Andy Barnes is pastoring. Steve McDaniel will speak to Dick Bickings to see if this is needed.

Steve McDaniel to speak with someone with a family of 5 who has asked for our help. This person has to go into the hospital, has no leave of absence pay.

The BC has agreed to pay a \$300 UGI bill for a person that Roy from the Lynnfield Community in Bethlehem (the community that EBFC has been ministering to). The gas had been turned off. She is employed and has a son with Down's syndrome. Mark Culton and Kevin will be verifying the information and coordinate the payment and the situation with this single mother.

Joe will review and draft an update to EBFC's Benevolence policy in early 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joe Meier

## **Community Concerns**

We were asked again by Life Screening if we were interested in hosting an event at the church and again I respectively told them that at this time we were not interested. Also, we are collecting coats and gloves for the Bridge Ministry in the month of November. Kevin and I are working on a couple projects, which include the Angle Tree for the Lynnfield Project, evacuation updates, and Ministry folders.

All for His Glory,  
John Romero

## **Property Committee Report November 17, 2014**

After comparing bids for the sanctuary roofing work, we have decided to use Gehringer Roofing Contractors to do the work. We had a problem getting the shingles in for the job using our certificates that were issued to us previously from a faulty shingle claim. The supplier that was hold them for us never took delivery on them and so they expired. Kevin was able to get them re-issued to us but now they seem to be lost in the mail. This project was supposed to be started a week ago and we still do not know exactly when it will be started. If it gets too much colder, we might have to wait for spring.

We will be looking at getting ideas and quotes to update the front of the sanctuary, the lighting in the sanctuary and foyer, the flooring in the foyer and entrance. It has also been requested that we consider the idea of removing room 2 as a way to open up the foyer area so it is not as congested at busy times.

The HVAC computer system was finally updated so we can now use the newer versions on Java to log in to the system, which allows us to maintain a higher level of security on our computers.

Prepared by George Hardy

## Transportation

Only one issue of consequence occurred since our last meeting:

- Mark Culton experienced difficulty starting the Mini-Bus on November 7th, while prepping it for the trip to Pinebrook that weekend. It started, but took two tries to get it to 'turn over' with enough force to start the engine. He had no other issues with it that weekend. The Min-Bus was last used 3 days earlier, by Rob Christiansen and myself during middle school boy's growth group night. As far as I can recall, we had no issues that night, and the lights/accessories were not left on. It is the original ('08) battery, and as such, I will be replacing it prior to our meeting.

Mark Hardy