

First Presbyterian Church
Deacon's Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2019

Present: Becky Higley, Sallie Poltynski, Ken Getsch, Liz Holub, Chuck Higley, Rick Daltilio, Gary Miltner, Betty Young, Marty Davis as Session liason.

Absent: Cathy Hall, Shonna Hunter, Jack Kenyon, Terri Brewer

Meeting was called to order at 11:00 am with prayer by Rick Daltilio.

A motion was made and accepted to approve the previous meeting minutes.

Deacon's Fund Update:

Beginning Balance	\$	2914.08
Jan Offering		81.00
		\$ 2995.08
Check to BACA #1310		357.20
Check to Soup Kitchen #1309		40.00
Ending Balance	\$	2597.88

Question arose as to are there people in our community/congregation that have special needs that we are not addressing?

OUTREACH:

Dee Seidel visited Esther at the former Maplewood Nursing Home.

Jimmy Getsch sent out January and February birthday cards.

Sallie will reach out to Lisa Kieper, and Jimmy needs to send a get well to her.

Jack and Chuck didn't visit Tom McCartney.

Upcoming Events:

Deacon of Month – Communion

Becky wants to streamline how we do communion. Since some people have trouble getting to Church early, we made two groups of early people and clean-up people.

Early group – Ken Getsch, Chuck Higley, Gary Miltner, Betty Young, Rick Daltilio, Terry Brewer.

Clean-up group – Sallie Poltynski, Liz Holub, Jack Kenyon

The new March – May 2019 Communion preparers are:

March – Becky and Terry set up/Sallie clean up.

April – Rick Daltilio and Chuck Higley set up/Liz clean up.

May - Ken Getsch and Gary Miltner set up/clean up???

Becky mentioned that any of us can take a plate or other Communion element back to the kitchen. We are to use the left side of the kitchen to prepare and clean up, to not cause confusion with coffee hour preparation.

We need to schedule a communion preparation training including the handling of gluten free wafers.

Rick will let Sallie know when he has a free Saturday, in the near future, to do a Saturday training. All new deacons should attend.

We should have emergency bread prepared in the freezer. This can include both white bread cubes and pita bread rectangles. There usually are small loaves stored in the freezer for the Pastor to break.

We updated most of the new deacons on Messenger. This is our mode of contact.

Health Fair – we want to tentatively schedule this for the end of April 2019. Ken K suggests setting up a committee for this. This was not addressed at the February meeting.

Our “proposed” new minister will preach in Ballston Spa in March. Marty suggested we offer a reception for him at our Church. We will be advised of the date by Ken Getsch, since he is serving on the PNC.

Old Business:

The Kitchen Update, or inventory should be done on Deacon's Meeting Sunday. We need plates and stronger forks. Justina said it might be better for us to purchase rather than get the wrong thing from By George. Sallie and Becky did the inventory this month. Also, we may need to purchase tablecloths.

New Business:

Chili Cookoff is scheduled for February 24, 2019. There are sign up sheets on the stage to make Chili, provide bread, children friendly sides, and desserts.

We need people to help with setup, and finding the electrical cords to keep things warm.

The winning hat is in the closet in Justina's office. There are also two or three prizes left from last year.

A motion was made, and accepted, to spend \$75 on prizes, with an extra \$15, if needed. Sallie and Becky will purchase them. Everyone participating will get a gift. We'll put the fishbowl out in case there are donations.

Liz will announce the cookoff in Church on February 17, 2019.

The Deacons may need to buy salads to go with the chili if nobody signs up to bring it.

We asked Ken to send us the workshop items from last March 2018 including the ideas from the 4 areas. (Worship, Fundraising, Outreach,). Still have not received them. Liz will ask Ken K again for them.

We need to issue Church keys to Ken Getsch, Rick Daltilio, and Gary Mitner.

The meeting ended at 11:50 am with prayer by Chuck Higley.

Next meeting March 10, 2019 after Church with the new deacons. (We will be discussing Easter flowers, and if our help is needed for the party for the DeBlocks).

April meeting will be April 14, 2019.

