

MDPC Deacon Meeting
More care, for more people, in more ways
August 10, 2025
Minutes

Attendees:

Barbara Mueller	Sue Warren	Bob Larson	Mary Chris Peterson
Harry Tallichet	Beverly Fluke	Christine Gentil	Paul Whelchel
John LaCarter	Andy Udden	Suzanne Tobin	Christine Roskamp
Beth Case	Rodrigo Grassano	Nancy Powell	Maria Galvan
Terral Cesak	Trey McAfee		

Unable to attend:

Judy Gordon	Sarah Kilgore	Edneia Moreira	Judy Stockton
Jim Newlin	David Kemper		

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Officer Nominations:** Submit nominations by August 25, 2025
 - **Prayer for our Schools:** Volunteers needed for prayer time on August 20th @ 7pm
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I. Welcome & Prayer (Nancy Powell)

A. July and August Birthdays: Edneia Moreira, Suzanne Tobin, Judy Gordon, Olga Griffin, David Kemper, Sue Warren

II. Session Report (Bob Larson)

A. May 2025 Session Meeting

- Book Discussion: Dare to Lead (Renee Brown): Discussion about being a healthy leader
- Discussion of Officer Nominations
- Treasurer Report: Still behind on budget (no panic)
- Presentation on Master Plan: We need feedback on Master Plan (namely the Welcome Center & Children Ministry)

B. June 2025 Session Meeting

- 39 New Covenant Partners: Wide age and cultural range (very exciting)
- Report on Summer Mission Trips
- Review of new Sunday school classes being added (like Bible for Life class)
- Outreach Update: Monetary help to people in North Caroline to rebuild their community (Hurricane Helene)
- Dan Aiken: Approval of Mandarin speaking church plant and pastor Bin (aka Chris) Wang
 - Looking at Katy & Bellaire (China Towns)

III. Officer Nominations (Bob Larson)

A. Discussion of the following:

- i. What is an Elder?
- ii. What is a Deacon?
- iii. Responsibilities & Qualifications
- iv. Who can we nominate?

IV. Opportunities & Announcements (Beverly Fluke)

- A. Kick-off Sunday: August 17, 2025
- B. Hot Topics (more to come): Focus on Safety
- C. Women's Bingo: September 11, 2025
- D. Prayer for Schools:
 - i. August 18th (morning) in the Chapel
 - ii. August 20th (evening) in the Chapel (*1st night of Lifegroups*) – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

V. Ministry Tours & Prayers

- A. Alpha (John LaCarter)
- B. Food Pantry (Rodrigo Grassano, Maria Galvan, Barbara Mueller)