

East Main Presbyterian Church - Deacon Meeting Agenda
January 16, 2024 - 6:30 PM - Fellowship Hall
Business Meeting

Present: Dan Ritenour, Howard Glass, Brady Beech, Terry Webster, Ruth Ann Webster, Donna Miller, Gail Chutz, Mary Markley, Beth Dickey, Brodie Whitley, Tom Gregg, Sue Ellen Hamilton, Tammy Shaw, Bev Bell, Nancy Hazy, Heather Hough, Bob McConnell, Jeff Weinel, Joan Weinel, Lynn Bashew, Amy Ruffo, Sandy Frederick, Larry Fleming

Absent: Carly Stillwaggon, Dave Dayton, Kim Peterson, Alayna Bishop, Amy Bishop, Dorothy McMillen, Lisa Smith,

Call to Order & Prayer: Tom Gregg called the meeting to order at 6:31. Tom opened in prayer and with a devotional on faith from the book of James.

Nomination of Officers: Tom Gregg and Nancy Hazy were nominated and seconded for the positions of President and Vice President. They were voted in unanimously. Mike Bright was nominated and seconded for the position of Secretary. He was voted in unanimously. Brady Beech was nominated and seconded for the position of Treasurer. He was voted in unanimously.

Minutes of December 2023 Meeting: The minutes from the December 2023 meeting were approved and seconded (Webster/Chutz) and the motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer: There were no new donations this month. Expenses included the meal for Dick Ballantine, new baby things, supplies, cards, stamps, and meals for helping move a family in the congregation. The yearend balance was \$632, and the new year balance is \$1000.

Corresponding Secretary: Donna Miller reported the following cards were sent:

- (3) Birthday
- (6) Thinking of You

Tom Gregg said Donna sent 244 cards last year; the deacons expressed their appreciation for her work.

Communion Served by Deacons: Gail Chutz served communion to Bernice Weber.

Drivers: Donna Miller provided a ride for one person.

Hospital Visitation: Jeff Weinel reported that Pat Fitzgerald was seen by Jeff Weinel, Gail Chutz, Heather Hough, and Bob McConnell over two different stays in the hospital.

Funeral Meal Coordinators: There were no funeral meals this month. Heather Hough reviewed the importance of this ministry, stressing that we often need to act quickly. In 2023 we provided 7 meals that served 350 people.

Special Need Meals: Gail Chutz reported none since November. Tom Gregg reported that Carly Stillwaggon is working on a brochure to outline what Deacons can help with.

New Babies: None.

Blanket Ministry: Jeannie Leo reported that we gave out 3 in November and December.

Fellowship Hall Greeter Sign-Up: The sign-up sheet was passed around.

Timing of Next Sr. Celebration: This is done every five years for those aged 80 and above. There is typically a luncheon with a speaker. Tom Gregg asked for discussion on whether to change the parameters of this event. There is a desire to keep it away from the church's 150-year anniversary celebration in 2029. A variety of aspects of the program were discussed.

There was a motion to keep the event on a five-year schedule (Ritenour/Glass). The movement passed with two dissenting. There was another motion (Ritenour/Hazy) to move the next date to 2025 and then go in five-year increments. This passed unanimously. Nancy Hazy volunteered to chair the 2025 event.

Deacon Ring Binder Information: Tom Gregg said some of the information had been updated, and he offered paper copies to anyone who wanted it.

Brochure of Diaconal Ministry Areas of Focus: Carly Stillwaggon is working on this.

Visitation Assignment Changes: Everyone received a copy of the new assignments, which had some updated addresses. Larry Fleming mentioned that Dave Dayton is now in Poland, OH. Sue Ellen Hamilton mentioned that Lois Hamilton went home this afternoon. Gail Chutz announced that Bernice Weber is turning 102 this month (Jan. 25). Tom Gregg said to let Beth Dickey know if people move or change address/phone number.

Visitation Reports: Several prayer requests were discussed.

Other Business: Tom Gregg reported that Deacon photos were canceled last Sunday and rescheduled for this coming Sunday (Jan. 21).

Volunteer for Devotion at February Meeting: Howard Glass volunteered.

Adjournment: Tom Gregg adjourned the meeting at 7:33.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Bright, Secretary East Main Church Deacons.