

EMPC Board of Deacons

Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2023 @ 6:30 PM ~ Fellowship Hall

Present: Howard Glass, Gisela Goetz, Nancy Hazy, John Horne, Ruth Leo, Bob Smith, Beth Dickey, Tom Gregg, Mary Markley, Dan Ritenour, Jeff Weinel, Joan Weinel, Gail Chutz, Bob McConnell, Dorothy McMillen, Donna Miller, Lisa Smith

Absent: Lynn Bashew, Beth Beatty, Don Faulconbridge, Tom Majure, Ellie Smith, Larry Fleming, Heather Hough, Kim Peterson, Bev Bell, Alayna Bishop, Amy Bishop, Carly Stillwaggon,

Call to Order & Prayer: Tom Gregg called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with prayer.

Devotion: Nancy Hazy shared a devotion on finding joy in Jesus in all circumstances.

Minutes: The minutes of the September 19, 2023 meeting were approved and seconded (John Horne/Bob McConnell motion).

Treasurer's Report: John Horne gave the report for August and will give the reports for September and October at the November meeting. Donations in August were \$1,300. Expenses in August were \$400.00. The current balance is \$646.00.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Donna Miller sent 17 Birthday cards, 7 Thinking of You cards, 4 Get Well cards, 2 New Baby cards, 3 Sympathy cards and 4 Anniversary cards in September and October.

Communion served by deacons recently: Gail Chutz served communion to Bernice Weber in August and October.

Driver's Report: Donna Miller gave a ride to UPMC Pittsburgh on August 31.

Hospital Visitation: Jeff Weinel reported that there were no visits for August or September.

Funeral Meal Report: Tom Gregg reported for Heather Hough that the Funeral Committee served 80 family and friends of Fred Wetzell on August 18. If there is left over food, please let Jeannie Leo know so she can donate it to Meals on Wheels or Karen Bishop so she can donate it through the local YMCA.

Special Needs Meal Report: Dorothy McMillen and Gail Chutz created a form for church members to fill out indicating their availability and preferences for providing Special Needs Meals to help people in times of crises. Tom will send out the form in an email to the deacons.

New Babies Report: Tom Gregg reported for Melanie Ritenour that Melanie and Dan Ritenour visited Kristen and Wesley Schools and their new daughter, Montana Joy, and Nicole and Drew Logue and their new son, Rowan.

Blanket Ministry: Tom Gregg reported for Jeannie Leo that 3 blankets were given out to people with health concerns and 4 more will be given later.

Nominating Committee: Nancy Hazy reported that the Nominating Committee is waiting for some prospective nominees to call them back. They will send out the complete list of nominees via email to the deacons.

Visitation Assignment Changes: Beth Dickey reported on changes to the Visitation List.

Visitation Reports & Prayer List: Tom Gregg encouraged deacons to pray for the needs listed at home.

Old Business: 1) Tom Gregg reported that Carly Stillwaggon will create a brochure detailing what the deacons do which will be available for the congregation, 2) Nancy Hazy reported on and asked for volunteers to sign up to be a Fellowship Hall Door Greeter and Lift Assistant on Sundays.

New Business: Tom Gregg said that next year the deacons will need a new Treasurer and a new Secretary. Deacons should let Tom know if they are interested in serving in these roles.

The next meeting will be on November 21, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Markley, Substitute Secretary