

**East Main Presbyterian Church - Deacon Meeting Minutes**  
**March 19, 2024 - 6:30 PM - Fellowship Hall**  
**Business Meeting**

**Present:** Heather Hough, Sue Ellen Hamilton, Joan Weinel, Jeff Weinel, Nancy Hazy, Tom Gregg, Mary Markley, Mike Bright, Terry Webster, Carly Stillwaggon, Beth Dickey, Larry Fleming, Tammy Shaw, Ruth Ann Webster, Lisa Smith, Gail Chutz, Howard Glass, Brodie Whitley, Amy Bishop, Dan Ritenour

**Absent:** Amy Ruffo, Alayna Bishop, Brady Beech, Sandy Frederick, Bev Bell, Lynn Bashew, Dorothy McMillen, Bob McConnell, Donna Miller, Kim Peterson

**Welcome & Prayer:** Tom Gregg called the meeting to order at 6:30. Tom opened in prayer. Tom read a remembrance of Tom Miller.

**Devotion:** Gail Chutz gave a devotional on a servant's heart.

**(Bi-Monthly Business/Reports)**

**Minutes of February 2024 Meeting:** The minutes from the February 2024 meeting were moved and seconded (Chutz/Hazy), and the motion was unanimously approved.

**Treasurer:** Tom Gregg reviewed the report. We have a positive balance.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Tom Gregg gave Donna Miller's report - the following cards were sent:

- (23) Birthday
- (11) Thinking of You
- (6) Annual Celebration Report
- (7) Sympathy
- (1) New Baby

for a total of 48.

**Communion Served by Deacons:** Jeff and Joan Weinel served Marie Schall. Nancy Hazy served Margaret Ann Lindey. Gail Chutz served Bernice Weber.

**Drivers:** Joan Weinel reported that Donna Miller took Ilma de la Rosa to an appointment on short notice. Bev Bell knows of a need and will contact Joan.

**Hospital Visitation:** Jeff Weinel reported no calls.

**Funeral Meal Coordinators:** Heather Hough thanked everyone for their help.

Russel Dart - January 24, served 35

Earl Smith - February 17, served 42

Nancy Funka - March 11, served 50, leftovers went to Meals-on-Wheels  
Becky Rider thanked all who helped with her 80th birthday party.

**Special Needs Meals:** Gail Chutz reported that the name has changed to Caring Meals. 21 volunteers prepared 9 meals. Larry Fleming thanked Gail because he received several meals.

**New Babies:** Tom Gregg reported (from Melanie Ritenour) that a visit to the Chopaks was well received.

**Blanket Ministry:** Tom Gregg reported (from Jeannie Leo) that blankets were sent to Carol Ann Gregg, Nancy Funka, Derryl Gullo, Paula Thomas, Lois Hamilton, and Pastor Sandy Toberman. Larry Fleming will receive one soon.

**Fellowship Hall Greeter Sign-Up:** Nancy Hazy passed around a sign-up sheet. We need a lot of help for the 11 AM service at Big Rail on Easter.

#### **(Old Business)**

**Timing of Next Sr. Celebration:** Nancy Hazy and Dan Ritenour opened by reporting the next one will be in 2026, the next in 2030, and then 5 year increments moving forward. Moved and seconded (Ritenour/T Webster) to adopt that schedule; the motion was approved.

**Elect Nominating Committee Chair:** Tom Gregg requested nominations for the position. Dan Ritenour volunteered to lead if someone would help. Terry Webster and Brodie Whitley volunteered to help.

**Widow's Luncheon (April 14) Support:** Tom Gregg reported that it was coming up (April 14). Nancy Hazy reported on all who were already signed up to help.

**Prayer for Consideration of Next Deacon Board VP:** Tom Gregg asked for prayers for this position. Tom will be stepping down at the end of this year, and Nancy Hazy will move up to President.

#### **(New Business)**

**Community Medical Closet:** Nancy Hazy went to a meeting and shared the results. There are people from different churches who recognized a community need for this service. East Main has a few things. This will be a networked effort with storage space and administrative controls. They will advertise the service and ways to donate to the service. So Nancy asked if we want to join this effort. Moved and seconded (T Webster/Bishop) that we participate - the motion passed. Tom Gregg asked for a volunteer to coordinate this on our end. Nancy suggested this was a VP responsibility, so she will handle it for now.

**Our Daily Bread:** Tom Gregg reported we get 25 copies. Some Deacons take them on visits. Moved and seconded that we make a donation of \$125 for these copies (Hough/Ritenour) - the motion passed.

**Easter Lily Distribution:** Nancy Hazy said Bev Bell volunteered to hand them out after Sunrise Service. Nancy asked for other volunteers. There are deliveries to make on Monday.

**Deacon Visitation:** Tom Gregg reported Arnie Sodergren has a new cell phone number. Delores Wetzel sent a note to the church thanking us. Bev Bell reported Derryl Gullo is doing well but may need some rides.

**Other Business:** none

**Volunteer for Devotion at April Meeting:** Donna Miller will do this.

**Adjournment:** Tom Gregg adjourned the meeting with prayer at 7:43 PM.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, April 16, 6:30 PM

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