

EMPC Board of Deacons

Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2023 @ 6:30 PM ~ Fellowship Hall

Relational Meeting

Present: Lynn Bashew, Beth Beatty, Alayna Bishop, Gail Chutz, Beth Dickey, Don Faulconbridge, Larry Fleming, Howard Glass, Gisela Goetz, Tom Gregg, John Horne, Jeannie Leo, Ruth Leo, Tom Majure, Mary Markley, Donna Miller, Dan Ritenour, Melanie Ritenour, Ellie Smith, Robert Smith, Jeff Weinel, Joan Weinel

Call to Order & Welcome: Tom Gregg

Presentation: Jeannie Leo gave a program overview of Grove City Area Meals on Wheels. She answered questions and passed out volunteer forms.

Reports (that can't wait until next "business" meeting):

- **Minutes:** The minutes of the May 16 meeting were approved and seconded. (Don Faulconbridge/John Horne motion)
- **Communion served by deacons in the past month:** Gail Chutz served communion to Bernice Weber. Jeff Weinel served communion to Marie Schall.

Announcements:

- **Resignation:** A motion (Ruth Leo/Ellie Smith) was made to accept the resignation of Amy Hoffman and the vote to accept was unanimous.
- **Communion:** Tom Gregg reported that an old document of "Suggested Guidelines for Communion in Homes" was recently found during the sanctuary renovation. Also found was an old Deacon Flower Record and it will go into the library archives.
- **Funeral Meals:** Heather Hough is out of town. Becky Rider is available if a need arises for a funeral meal. If you receive an email requesting food/help, please respond promptly to the email.
- **Cards:** Donna Miller reported that she sent five birthday and five thinking-of-you cards.
- **Worship Times:** If necessary, please contact those on your visitation list regarding new worship times during the renovation (July 2, 9, & 16)
 - **9:30 AM**—Contemporary Service (GCHS Football Field)
 - **10:45 AM**—Traditional Service (Fellowship Hall and livestream)
- **Vases:** Discussion was held about what to do with the Deacon's flower vases since they can no longer be stored in the room off the front of the sanctuary, since this area will now be repurposed.
- **Deacon Visitation Prayer List:**

- **Possible reassignments:** Tom announced that considering Amy's resignation, there will need to be a reassignment of some people.
- **Scott Dunwoody:** Dan Ritenour reported on the project to fix Scott Dunwoody's walkway to accommodate his wheelchair. Dan reported that Scott is making good improvement. Don Faulconbridge cautioned against getting involved with moving Scott's property as this is a family matter.
- **Delores & Fred Wetzel:** Meals for the Wetzels are not needed right now.
- **Linda Measel:** It was determined that Linda Measel will be kept on the visitation list on an occasional basis.
- **Possible Quarterly Visitation List:** Discussion was held about whether to have a separate Quarterly Visitation List, but it was decided that this wasn't necessary.
- **Recognition:** Alayna Bishop was recognized for having won several awards at the GCHS Senior Award night recently. Congratulations, Alayna!
- **Update:** Tom said that there are several out-of-towners who need assignments. He will send an email to all Deacons asking for a volunteer for Helen Reep. Prayer is requested for Marie Schall. Please pray for Dave Dayton who was taken to the hospital today. Donna Miller reported that Edie Wise will not need chemo or radiation.

Deacon Mixer: The Deacons broke into small groups and were asked to report on their personal faith journey and pray one another.

Next Meeting: There will be no meeting in July. Please send your July visitation reports to Tom Gregg by July 18. A prayer list will be circulated by email. Ruth Leo volunteered to do the August meeting devotional. The next meeting will be held on August 15 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Bashew, Secretary
East Main Church
Board of Deacons