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Deacon Minutes

May 21, 2019

Deacons Present: Todd Hopkins; Chad Kaemingk; Darin Svennes; Cory Wellnitz; Bret Wynja

Deacons Absent: Nate Kruse

Others Present: Mary Morgan, Executive Pastor

Mercy, Service, and Outreach

- Leaders in ministries of service
- Serve those in distress and need
- Minister to the sick, poor, hurt, and helpless
- Aid the victims of the world's abuse
- Express the social concerns of the church
- Show compassion and manifest the love and care of Christ

Acts of Mercy / Service

Pastor Julius Badigo (605-214-2597) met with Pastor Kevin and me on April 30. He works at Smithfield managing a group of 20 and also serves as pastor of Falls Community Church on 6th street downtown (not sure where). Nice man, clearly has a heart for Jesus and his oppressed people in Sudan. He asked us to help him by providing medications to take with him back to Sudan for a visit. In between war times there, he visits his family, tells people about Jesus, and helps with whatever medications he can bring with him. We helped him before and gave quite a bit of OTC medicines. He said this time he could use that as well as tennis shoes. He hopes to leave in mid-June.

Chad Kaemingk said he is a great guy and does good work. Deacons decided that we will not be able to help this time.

Do we ask for donations? We received minimal donations for Maddy Schneider's project for her sister's school in Milwaukee. Would this be different?

Do we want to allow a certain amount of money from our TBD account and someone can buy medicines for him (or he can buy it and turn in a receipt)?

Since he's not associated with a non-profit, is it wise to support this?

How does this fit with the work we've been doing on our missions guidelines?

Other questions?

Justin and Jaymie Vandewater are Safe Families for Children host families under Good News Church (because their church is not a host church). Our usual plan with host families is that we try to cover

Check w/the generous Good News Safe Families for Children Family Friend (who always wants to be anonymous) to see if they would like to help with this. If

financial responsibilities because they have sacrificed much to take children into their homes. The State of South Dakota covers child care when the hosting is more than 30 days. This hosting was longer than that, but she needed child care for very only 7 days at \$34.50 p/day. Can we cover that cost? There are GNC SFFC family friends I can check with first if that's the direction you'd rather go with this.

6:15 pm - Brenda Boyd is going to work in Africa and would like to talk with the deacons about her work and how the church can partner with her.

6:30 pm via Zoom call - JJ TenClay (jjtenclay@rca.org) would like to talk to the deacons about the misunderstanding regarding her current role with the RCA as a missionary with immigrants.

6:45 pm David Glader with the Union Gospel Mission (605-941-8510; daveglader@msn.com) would like to talk with deacons about Good News Church partnering with them to serve with this transformational and catalytic mission.

no, can be covered through Servant's Heart funds. Mary Morgan asked, and the SFFC Family Friend gave a check to Good News to cover the childcare costs. Check written to Justin & Jaymi Vandewater.

Brenda Boyd was a Sioux Falls special education teacher who went on a mission trip to Kenya with Ryan and Jaimie Feltman, which shook her world. God has been pulling her to work in Kenya with Simba Education Ministries and the Kakuswi School for the Deaf and will work with both in Kenya for at least a year. She wants to be more intimate with students and families. Brenda desires to start Bible studies to go deeper for them and her. She would be going under the umbrella of Simba Educational Ministries which has now been granted NGO (non-governmental organization) in Kenya. She needs to raise about \$837 per month and is first approaching Good News Church (her church home) for support. Deacons will pray about this and decide in June.

Last year the deacons received a letter from the RCA Global Missions which, as they interpreted it, said the TenClays were no longer missionaries with the RCA, but JJ had instead moved to a staff mission with RCA Global Mission. This was not the case. JJ is still working as a missionary with immigrants from the States. For multiple reasons, she has lost \$18,000 in support in the last year. With the move to the States, she has been able to decrease expenses by \$16,000, leaving a \$2000 critical need and would appreciate Good News considering re-instating support for her work.

David talked about the history of the Union Gospel Mission with Ma Wheaton and Tom Morris, which began in 1900. Fran Stenberg and his wife have run this ministry, and now the new director is Ron Gonzalez, who ran the mission in Los Angeles is taking the lead. In the name of Jesus, the Union Gospel Mission provides shelter, food, thrift store, counseling, discipleship program (three FT staff--two men and one woman are the front lines working with people in the program which is usually about 6-12 men and 7-10 women in the program at a time). Nurses, doctors, and chiropractors come in voluntarily to minister to medical needs. There is a new educational program with computer programs to provide training in life skills and even a GED. 100 to 150 sleep there each night and, of course, many more in the winter.

There is usually two-week limit unless they get a job then they can "rent" a bed for \$10 a night to stay longer. They serve about 350 meals a day. After evening meal there is an evangelistic worship service. It is a catalytic place for all kinds of ministry. David Invited our church to join them in the front lines of mission work with the poor. This is a messy ministry, but it is very good. Following are ways to join them:

- They have spots for about 60 churches and right now have about 50 (of the 50, 18 are Reformed). They are

looking for at least ten more churches to come and lead worship services at 6:45 pm (which is after the meal). Youth groups can do this as well. If there are people in our church who want to preach or share their testimony – they have a spot for them.

- There are opportunities for people to spend a week as a client in the mission.
- Financially, about 10% of their support comes from churches, and the rest is through individual support. They are in a financial crunch. They had about 100,000 people on their donor list and due to a computer crash now have only 20,000. Additionally, they had to spend more than \$16,000 to handle the bed bug infestation.

Benevolence Request

Mary Anderson is requesting assistance with rent for June for their son, Ryan. Ryan struggles with alcoholism and has agreed to treatment. Between Ryan and his parents, John and Mary, his rent is covered through May but not through June when he goes into treatment (30 days). His lease goes through October. Mary is wondering if the church could cover his \$700 rent for June.

Approved.

Rhonda Haverals wants to let the deacons know that they have a team coming from Texas to do some mission work with Kingdom Boundaries. They are bringing more people than they need so Rhonda was hoping to have them do some work at Janice Kamstra's. She is thinking of removing her deck and putting in pavers. Are there funds available from the church to help with the financial aspect?

\$500 from Servant's Heart funds

Melanie Van Zee – house has been foreclosed upon and has nowhere to live.

Deacons determined that her needs are far greater than we can address.

Pastor Discretion Fund

Missions Policy – Continue work on our Missions Policy. See above list under "Mercy, Service, and Outreach."

A-D Todd Hopkins Prayer Request Actions

Jay and Linda Beek and family are fostering two boys.

No contact

Sally Brondsema continues with periodic chemo infusions. Sally Brondsema's 53-yo daughter, Angie, suffered a stroke the week of 5/06/19. She was hospitalized but doing pretty well. Sally Brondsema's son, Dan Schlader, stem cell transplant was performed the week of May 6th. He hopes to get out of the hospital for his son's upcoming graduation. Sally Brondsema's family friend, Greyson Austin, is home, continuing to deal with ulcerative colitis and a presumptive diagnosis of Crohn's disease.

Emailed.

Chris and Alisha DeHaan are fostering four children

No contact.

Tonya Brockmueller's mom, Shirley Van Peurse, has finished her chemotherapy and her recent scans were clean. She is receiving ongoing maintenance treatments.

No contact.

Lisa Carson requests prayers for safety for her niece, Shelby Swenson, who has been deployed since Sept. 2018. She will return home in May 2019

No contact.

Community Outreach has been challenged to meet the needs of families who have received disconnection notices for their utilities and are trying to catch up from the winter months.

No contact.

Marv & Barb Dalton's 54-yo son-in-law, Brent Ireland, was recently diagnosed with colon, lymph node, and stomach lining cancer. He was told he would need chemotherapy for the rest of his life.

No contact.

E-H Chad Kaemingk Prayer Request Actions

Sara Egge needs someone who could get her daughter, Jamie, off the bus in the afternoons and hang out with her until Sara gets home from work.

Sent email.

Susan Endres has ongoing debilitating back pain.

Sent email.

Don Harms is recovering from heart bypass surgery.
Sandy Harms is on long-term therapy for breast cancer.
Sandy Harms' sister, Laurie, is on long-term therapy after breast cancer treatment.

No contact.

Renae Gingrich's dad was recently diagnosed with multiple myeloma and will be starting treatment

Sent email. She said that her dad had a pretty rough first three weeks in.

Jeff & Karla Hanisch appreciate continued prayer for their daughter, Carissa, who is treated for a chronic illness.

Sent email.

I-L Darin Svennes Prayer Request Actions

Gene Knock is in Palisade Manor after having a stroke last fall.

Sent email to Marie

Michelle Krier's cousin, Rhonda Imbery, continues to receive chemotherapy for cancer.

No contact.

Marilyn Larson's cancer has returned and is being monitored.

No contact.

Frances Lee is in the nursing home.

No contact.

M-P Bret Wynja Prayer Request Actions

Rebecca "Becky" Minier has challenging health issues and concerns about upcoming doctor appointments.

No contact. Need to make sure Becky is in the directory. Mary Morgan checked and she is.

Laura Minor is being treated for thyroid cancer.

Talked to Minor's on Sunday.

Matt & Sheila Mulder and family welcomed Ella Gayle to their family on 4/30/19.

No contact.

Pam Nelson underwent surgery on 5/14/19 for removal of a polyp.

No contact.

Pvt Mady Obang Oweet (son of Scott & June Odens) has returned to the States to serve.

Talked to Scott Odens. Mady going to Germany.

Scott Oden's mom is being treated for breast cancer and had surgery recently.

Ron and Linda Ortman's son-in-law, Richard, is undergoing treatment for aggressive cancer but continues to be weak and tired. Recent tests are inconclusive.

No contact.

R-T Nate Kruse Prayer Request Actions

Rosa Schepel continues to deal with pancreatic cancer that has metastasized to her liver. Her primary care is the treatment of

Nate absent.

symptoms with medication.

Lance Roseland continues with treatment of arsenic infusions of ATRA for APL, a type of leukemia, for the next month. He had labs drawn 5/13 which were all in the normal ranges. Side effects tend to get more intense as treatment progresses, so they are asking for continued prayers that Lance won't get too sick from this latest treatment.

Nate absent.

U-Z Cory Wellnitz Prayer Request Actions

Cora Van Der Ziel is in the nursing home.

Not on the email list? Mary Morgan double-checked with Sue Schuldt who maintains the list, and she is on it.

Casey & Meghan Vermeer welcomed a baby girl, Finnleigh Renae, on 4/12/19.

Sent email.

Stewardship

- Gather and distribute the offerings of the congregation
- Give personal attention to the distressed
- Responsible for all congregational concerns such as providing for the support of the Minister of the Word and Sacrament
- Exercising careful stewardship of all funds, goods, and properties

Stewardship of Finances

Financials – Todd Hopkins

Stewardship of Facilities and Property

Maintenance Report – Included with pre-meeting information. Noted.

Carpet for East wing, fellowship hall, foyer is scheduled for installation the week of August 22. Noted.

Carpet Tiles in Church Entry - Mary Morgan noticed glue coming up through the tiles in the church entry. I asked the carpet installers when they were here to talk about scheduling. He said it isn't from getting wet from the top, the glue has gotten wet from underneath—possibly through the cement. I then asked if that could be the problem we are having in the south wing restrooms. They indicated that it could be and were then concerned that it may be a problem in the foyer as well. They are going to put some probes down to check. Noted.

Keys – We have over 65 keys out and some irretrievable. Are we okay with that at this point? Do we want to change the locks on our four exterior doors? Do we want to install a keyless entry system instead? Let's get quotes for 2020 budget.

Pest Control – Denny Bosma gave me a quote of \$75 p/month which would cover 1x p/month to spray the interior and 2x p/year around the exterior. Approved.

Kortan Memorial Stone - What are we going to do with the Kortan memorial stone that was in the old sign? It is behind the garage. Awaiting Darrell Kortan's design and quote from his friend, who is a landscaper. No update yet.

Stewardship Education

What will the deacons do to educate people on giving in 2019?

Need a letter for a quarterly statement. Darin Svenes will prepare and send for approval.

Educating people on the purpose of this year's building fund.

3 Min. Video of missionaries we support. Waiting for missions policy.

Other