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## Deacon Minutes

June 18, 2019

**Deacons Present:** Todd Hopkins; Chad Kaemingk; Nate Kruse; Darin Svenes; Cory Wellnitz; Bret Wynja

**Deacons Absent:**

**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

#### Benevolence Request

#### Pastor Discretion Fund

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

**Gideons** (Dan Aesoph a part of Good News) would like to speak in church and receive a special offering or be available to receive gifts from individuals after services.

**6:15 pm - Cal Ver Mulm, Center of Hope** will talk to the deacons about their work. He would also like an opportunity to speak to the congregation.

In light of where our giving sits right now, we will not have him speak to the congregation.

1. About 5 years ago, Good News helped jump-start the Work Assist program. That money is being used to help people get their IDs so they can get work (often they are lost or stolen). Would you consider replenishing that fund?
2. Move – (They are going to be moving to the non-profit center that has bought the School for the Deaf) Moving help, (hands and feet and financial—cameras, for example) and other work that will need to be done.
3. Are there ways we can partner with what Good News Church is doing?
4. Talking with the congregation: He would like to talk about the work they do, the Work Assist program and help with moving.

Question: How are you different from The Community Outreach?

Quite different. They provide more pastoral care; minister mostly to people who are living on the street; bike ministry; nurses to help people get or stay healthy. The Community Outreach is more about helping with bills. Question: Does your website have more volunteer serving opportunities? Yes, most are during working hours.

Yes.

**Deb & Mark Wilson, Missionaries in Cambodia:** Greetings from Cambodia! This summer/fall Mark and I will be in the States for Home Assignment, and we would love to have Deb visit Good News Reformed one Sunday if it would work out for you all. She is willing to serve in any way that would bless you while she is there; meet with missions committee, Sunday school group, or present during the service. Or perhaps you have some other ideas.

The dates that would work best for Deb include August 4th or 11th; September 15 or 29th. There are other possibilities if these aren't convenient for you.

Please let us know if you would like to have Deb visit and how she can serve you best. Please also don't feel obligated in any way if it doesn't work into your plans for this year.

In Christ,  
Deb and Mark  
[If the deacons would like to have them speak with the congregation, Pastor Kevin said that one of the August dates would be best.]

Brenda Boyd is going to work in Africa and needs to raise about \$837 per month and is first approaching Good News Church (her church home) for support. She talked with deacons at our May meeting, and we said we would respond after our June meeting. RECAP: See May Deacon minutes.

\$100 per month for up to one year. Todd Hopkins will talk let her know our decision and have her contact Mary Morgan about setting up the monthly check to Simba Ministries.

The deacons would also like to hear more about what Maddy Schneider will be doing through Youth With A Mission (YWAM) this coming year. Nate Kruse will call and invite her to the July or August meeting.

JJ TenClay ([jjtenclay@rca.org](mailto:jjtenclay@rca.org)) talked to the deacons about the misunderstanding regarding her current role with the RCA as a missionary with immigrants at our May meeting. No decision made about reconsidering our decision to discontinue our support. RECAP: See May Deacon Minutes.

Not discussed at this meeting.

David Glader with the Union Gospel Mission (605-941-8510); [daveglader@msn.com](mailto:daveglader@msn.com)) talked with deacons about Good News Church partnering with them to serve with this transformational and catalytic mission at our May meeting. No decision was made. RECAP: See May Deacon minutes.

Not discussed at this meeting.

### **Missions Policy – potential guidelines for future focus and decision-making**

Refresh your memory on the document from the March meeting. “What are some criteria that a mission committee might use in deciding which missionaries and projects to support?”

The deacons continued this work.

As we've worked these past months, what has God been telling us about the vision we're to move toward with our missions? What long and short term goals will help get us there? With all that we've

researched and heard from those requesting our support, what guidelines do we want to set that will help lead us toward that vision?

#### **A-D Todd Hopkins Prayer Request Actions**

Aimee Brodkorb's mother, Ruth Waldner, suffered a stroke	Sent email.
Jay and Linda Beek and family are fostering two boys.	No contact.
Sally Brondsema's recent MRIs and PET scan showed no active cancer. She continues with periodic chemo infusions.	Sent email.
Sally Brondsema's son, Dan Schlader, had stem cells harvested and has undergone a stem cell transplant for his multiple myeloma.	
Sally Brondsema's daughter, Angie, recently had a stroke and is home recovering.	
Sally Brondsema's family friend, Greyson Austin, was put on steroids for ulcerative colitis and had a pancreatic biopsy.	
Chris and Alisha DeHaan are fostering four children.	Sent email.
Tonya Brockmueller's mom, Shirley Van Peurse, is receiving maintenance treatment for breast cancer.	No contact
Chris Buckley's surgery for a broken ankle.	No contact

#### **E-H Chad Kaemingk Prayer Request Actions**

Brenda Erikson's nephew completed suicide 6/13/19. He was a young farmer near New Holland.	Text
Susan Endres has ongoing debilitating back pain.	No contact
Renaë Gingrich's dad is receiving treatment for multiple myeloma.	No contact
Carissa Hanisch is being treated for a chronic illness.	Sent email.

#### **I-L Darin Svennes Prayer Request Actions**

Gene Knock is in Palisade Manor.	Sent email.
Marilyn Larson's cancer has returned and is being monitored.	No contact
Frances Lee is in the nursing home.	No contact
Michelle Krier's cousin, Rhonda Imbery, continues to receive chemotherapy for cancer.	Sent email.
Nick Larry requested prayer for his dad, who underwent surgery.	Sent email.

#### **M-P Bret Wynja Prayer Request Actions**

Laura Minor is being treated for thyroid cancer.	No contact
Pvt Mady Obang Oweet (son of Scott & June Odens) will be serving in Germany.	No contact
Scott Oden's mom is being treated for breast cancer.	No contact
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.	Sent email.
Drake Malm has been very sick and was admitted to the hospital this week.	Sent email.
Prayers are being requested for 4-year-old Jake Dieters, family friends of Ron and Linda Ortman. They requested prayers for Jake about a year ago, when it was discovered he had a cancerous kidney tumor.	No contact

Jake went through surgery and chemotherapy and, thankfully, was found to be in remission November of last year. Of concern now are spots that have been found on Jake's liver and prayers are appreciated for Jake and his family, as well as Jake's medical team.

Russell Oleson requests prayer for a co-worker, Wendy Fuller, whose father, Richard Duncan, has received a diagnosis of prostate cancer. He goes Wed. for a full scan and expects results Friday. They are asking for prayers of good news, false positive results comfort for Richard and his family, and that God's will would be done. Sent email.

### R-T Nate Kruse Prayer Request Actions

Lance Roseland continues with treatment for APL, a type of leukemia. No contact

Rosa Schepel has metastatic liver cancer. Called and sent a text.

Brett Smith's stepdad, Chris, has metastatic cancer but is receiving immunotherapy treatment and periodic infusions and doing well with that. No contact

Melissa Cinfio, a friend of Scott and Kayla Schnider requested prayer for 98% chance of lung cancer—the update came praising God for a negative test. No contact

### U-Z Cory Wellnitz Prayer Request Actions

Cora Van Der Ziel is in Dow Rummel. Talked w/Cora and Harold

Bret & Cambria Wynja on the birth of their son Tucker. Sent a text to Bret.

## 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

Need to balance between trusting that we listened to the Spirit's guidance when we set the budget and faithfully communicating with the congregation regarding where we sit financially.

### Stewardship of Facilities and Property

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

Paint for East wing – Upper level needs paint and lower level needs touch-ups. Matt Moen had said he was interested but has since resigned. The upper level needs to be done before the week of August 22.

Chad Kaemingk and Darin Svennes will check with painters they know.

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. Need to paint the posts—Mary Morgan will add to the maintenance list.

### Stewardship Education

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

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

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

Need a letter for a statement that will be sent mid-July or early August.

We will send another letter and/or email with graphs – after July.

**Other**