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Deacon Minutes

September 10, 2019

Deacons Present: Todd Hopkins; Chad Kaemingk; Nate Kruse; Darin Svennes; 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

Theresa Lucas is moving her mother to Sioux Falls pretty much by herself. She needs people who can help unload a U-Haul on Saturday, September 28th. Time yet to be determined. Probably around 12:00.

\$600 allocated to youth funds (or Kenya Mission Trip) if Ryan can find 8 or so youth to help load in Rock Rapids and unload in Sioux Falls. Darin Svennes will talk to Ryan.

Benevolence Request

Pastor Discretion Fund

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

See refined missions guidelines document and the "test" application from Tracy Folkerts w/Safe Families for Children. Tracy is coming at 6:15 pm to give an update on the work of SFFC and to field any questions you may have regarding the application.

Safe Families for Children has been in Sioux Falls since 2013 and Good News has been a part of the ministry since 2014. SFFC is approaching our 300th child hosting. Tracy shared how Good News Church host families and coaches have impacted the community. She talked about how the Body of Christ, the Church, has touched people in poverty in our community through people serving through Good News Church -- the Ehrichs family, Deb Thalhuber, Cheryl Griep, and Lisa Stensland.

Application feedback - Tracy wondered about putting the things that are important to us on the applications. The deacons agreed it should stay. Would be helpful for us to tell them how best to communicate.

Next steps: send application and instructions with December 2020 missions support letters. Talk with Pastor Kevin about scheduling missions testimonies for next year.

A-D Todd Hopkins Prayer Request Actions

Jay and Linda Beek and family are fostering two boys. NOTE: Haven't attended worship since April 2018. Leave on this list?

Tonya Brockmueller's mom, Shirley Van Peurse, is receiving maintenance treatment for breast cancer.

Aimee Brodkorb's mother, Ruth Waldner, suffered a stroke. Although her mom continues to struggle with high blood pressure, some confusion & balance, thankfully, her stroke was minor & drs feel there should be no residual side effects. She's to remain in the hospital until her BP and confusion improve.

Sally Brondsema's recent MRIs and PET scan showed no active cancer. She continues with periodic chemo infusions.

Prayers are requested for Debbie Carter and her parents, who live in a remote area in California. Her dad cares for her mom who is immobile, has lymphoma and various health concerns. Her dad, who is recovering from knee surgery, developed a blood clot and is in the hospital for an extended time. Debbie is trying to establish care for her mom in the meantime, which is difficult being so far away from them.

Chris and Alisha DeHaan are fostering four children.

E-H Chad Kaemingk Prayer Request Actions

Susan Endres has ongoing debilitating back pain.

Good News Children Center and staff.

Carissa Hanisch was hospitalized the end of Aug., but is home again and continues with treatment for a chronic illness.

Karla Hanisch is treating for a chronic illness.

I-L Darin Svennes Prayer Request Actions

Gene Knock passed away 8/31/19.

Lynette Koedam's mom passed away 8/14/19.

Marilyn Larson is starting in-home hospice care. Recent PET scan showed no new cancer in any organs, but her primary area of cancer is progressing and there are no more options to treat it. Her doctors estimate she has approximately 6 months.

Frances Lee is in the nursing home

M-P Bret Wynja Prayer Request Actions

Laura Minor is being treated for thyroid cancer.

Gertrude Overweg is a shut-in.

Scott Oden's mom is being treated for breast cancer.

Ron Ortman requested prayers for Derek Mueller (the father of a boy who has worked for Ron) as he has cancerous lesions on his bones from head to foot. He started 3 months of chemotherapy & will have a stem cell transplant.

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

Five-year-old Jake Dieters, family friend of Ron and Linda Ortman, now has been found to have cancer on his remaining kidney. Please pray for complete healing for Jake and comfort for his parents.

Pvt Mady Obang Oweet (son of Scott & June Odens) will be serving in Germany.

R-T Nate Kruse Prayer Request Actions

Lance Roseland continues with treatment for APL, a type of leukemia. They are grateful for all the support and request continued prayers.

Daniel & Kaylee Sajdak are happy to announce the birth of Henrik Milan Sajdak, born 8/31/19, weight 7 lb 12 oz and 20 inches long.

Connie Smith requests prayer for Rory's (Connie's stepson) granddaughter, Alexis was hospitalized with an infection around her heart and lungs. She is doing well, but having a reaction to one of her meds. She did get a job.

Rosa Schepel has metastatic liver cancer. A new growth was found on her spine at T10 and other tumors have grown. They are not moving forward with any more treatment and she has started on home hospice to focus on pain control.

Brett Smith's stepdad, Chris, has metastatic cancer but is receiving immunotherapy treatment and periodic infusions and doing well with that.

U-Z Cory Wellnitz Prayer Request Actions

Cora Van Der Ziel is in Dow Rummel.

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

2020 Budget Requests

Please review requests received thus far—looking for questions you may have or more information you might want from the requestor.

Deacons reviewed 2020 budget requests for worship, children, youth, and adult ministries. Deacons decided not to add the \$2500 camera for next year but acknowledged that it would be good to look at again for the future so that everything could be in the back instead of in the front (which is the new way Kayla Schnider is now live-streaming.)

Stewardship of Facilities and Property

Maintenance Report – Included with pre-meeting information.

Did not discuss at this meeting.

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.

Other