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Deacon Minutes

February 19, 2019

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

Deacons Absent: Cory Wellnitz

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

Benevolence Request

Pastor Discretion Fund

A-D Todd Hopkins Prayer Request Actions

Jay and Linda Beek are fostering to elementary-aged boys.	No contact.
Tonya Brockmueller's mom, Shirley Van Peurse, is receiving chemotherapy for stage four breast cancer. Her recent scan was clear but will finish her course of treatment.	No contact.
UPDATE 1/25/19: A family friend of Sally Brondsema's, Greyson Austin, was rushed to Mayo Clinic for removal of a blockage. Greyson battles ulcerative colitis. He had surgery, was released from Mayo and then returned a few days later as he was not doing well and still losing weight.	Emailed Sally.
Sally Brondsema continues with long-term chemo infusions every 3 weeks. Scans on 1/3/19 were clear.	
UPDATE: 1/25/19: Sally Brondsema's son, Dan Schlader, has multiple myeloma, an incurable, but treatable blood cancer. He had stem cells harvested on 1/21/19 and will undergo a stem cell transplant in June.	
Eli, a daycare child, is currently in remission after cancer treatment. He will need to continue his treatments for another 2 years as a proactive measure. Kristi Butler, Eli's mother, is undergoing further radiation treatment for her cancer.	No contact.
SENT 2/5/19: Lisa Carson requested prayers for GNC member Lindsey Van Roekel as Lindsey's boyfriend, Jason "Jake" Kunze died unexpectedly on 2/5/19.	Sent email to Lindsey.

Debbie Carter has stage 4 lymphoma and receives periodic chemotherapy. No contact.

Chris & Alisha DeHaan are fostering four children. No contact.

E-H Chad Kaemingk Prayer Request Actions

Susan Endres has continued back pain. Sent email.

SENT 2/7/19: Dee Even-Brown sister and Kim Erickson's aunt passed away the first part of Feb. No contact.

UPDATE 2/15/19: The cook and one of the teacher positions have been filled at GNCC. No contact.

GNC Children's Center is in desperate need of filling 3 staff positions as of 1/7/19. Prayers for wisdom & discernment for Tammy, the director. No contact.

UPDATES sent 2/12 and 2/15: Carissa was admitted to the hospital for her chronic illness on 2/12/19 and was released on 2/15/19. Sent email.

UPDATE 1/17/19: Don was released from the hospital on 1/13 & will start rehab after a triple bypass procedure on 1/9/19. Talked to Don Harms in church and sent email to Sandy.

Sandy Harms has completed her radiation treatments for breast cancer and will be on long-term hormonal therapy.

Sandy Harms' sister, Laurie, continues on long-term hormonal therapy for breast cancer.

SENT 1/24/19 – Karen Heideman's grandson, Cooper, stopped breathing and was taken to the hospital where it was termed a brief resolved unexplained event. He is home and doing well. No contact.

I-L Darin Svennes Prayer Request Actions

UPDATE 12/14/18: Gene Knock fell at the nursing home on 12/13/18. He didn't break any bones but was in the hospital for a few days. Gene has been at the nursing home in Garretson after suffering a stroke. Sent email.

Michelle Krier's cousin, Rhonda Imbery, continues to receive chemo for cancer. Sent email.

Karen Kuiken's mom, Wilma Schelling, passed away on 1/24/19. Sent email.

Marilyn Larson was diagnosed with cancer for the 3rd time and had a recent care conference. Called Marilyn.

Frances Lee is in a nursing home. No contact.

M-P Bret Wynja Prayer Request Actions

SENT 1/28/19: Laura Minor was recently diagnosed with thyroid cancer. Waiting on an appointment with a surgeon for removal of her thyroid. Sent email.

UPDATE 2/14/19: Scott Oden's mom underwent surgery for breast cancer on 2/14/19. Surgery went well. Talked to Scott.

Ron & Linda Ortman's son-in-law, Richard, has been battling an aggressive cancer diagnosis. He had a recent scan & testing in late Dec., but there was too much scar tissue to visualize the tumor & its response to treatment. Rich is no longer able to drive, has lost a lot of No contact.

weight & is quite tired and weak.

SENT 1/21/19: Ron Putzier was admitted to the hospital for pneumonia in both lungs. No contact.

R-T Nate Kruse Prayer Request Actions

SENT 1/16/19: Betty Roos' niece, Pam Kragt, was diagnosed with Hurthle thyroid cancer. She will have surgery to remove the thyroid. Sent email

SENT 1/28/19: Safe Families has had 13 intake calls in just 3 days, typically that many calls are received throughout a month. Prayers for safety for the children, SFFC staff, hosts & families.

Pastor Kevin's mom, Virlene Schneider, is recovering from a heart bypass in Oct. No contact.

Rosa Schepel's pancreatic cancer has metastasized to her liver, and she has undergone chemotherapy infusion. No contact.

SENT 1/22/19: Michael Schmitz, a visitor, is new to SF and asks for prayers in finding full time employment. Sent email.

SENT 1/17/19: Brett & Lydia Smith's son, Logan, was hospitalized for pneumonia. Talked to Bret.

Brett Smith's stepdad, Chris, has metastatic cancer. He is receiving immunotherapy treatment and periodic infusions.

SENT 1/21/19: Lisa Stensland's 52-yo brother, Dave, had a stroke on 1/19. His speech and movement were improving 2 days later. He was going to be moved to a rehab facility on 1/24/19. No contact.

SENT 2/4/19: Ryan & Laura Thomas' friend, Lance Roseland, was diagnosed with acute promyelocytic leukemia. Lance & his wife, Abby, just moved back to SF area. He is an active military member. Sent email.

U-Z Cory Wellnitz Prayer Request Actions

SENT 1/29/19: Peggy Whitney's friend, Tera Campbell, has entered hospice after a 13-month battle with pancreatic cancer. Sent email.

SENT 2/7/19: Ken Wonenberg's wife, Diane, passed away 2/7/19. She had Alzheimers and had been in a nursing home. Sent email.

Cora Van Der Ziel at Dow Rummel. Talked to Cora on Sunday.

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 – Mary Morgan

Mary reviewed the financials with the deacons noting that the significant expenses this month were the replacement of a south wing furnace; and the purchase of the acoustical panels. Ministry support variance is mostly due to the approve expenses for Shell and Ryan Creviston going to Quiet Waters.

Stewardship of Facilities and Property

Maintenance Report – Included with pre-meeting information.

Between meetings the deacons decided to expand the Children’s Center cameras to include the exterior of the building and one for the receptionist. Quote included in pre-meeting information.

Will be overspent in the Security/Safety line item.

What are we going to do with the Kortan memorial stone that was in the old sign? It is behind the garage.

Darin will see if the sign fits and will have a conversation with Darrell Kortan.

Stewardship Education

Sex Trafficking Missionary Jennifer Lucking is coming to Good News on 3/31 to speak briefly during both worship services. Do the deacons want to do more with her time while she is here?

Will ask Pastor Kevin to be sure to mention that she is a missionary we support and that she is available after first service and during second service for further conversation.

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.

Ideas:

Meme and/or GIF for stewardship education.

Other