

Webster Presbyterian Church

Board of Deacon Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2015

(Refreshments courtesy of Will Powers and Marsha Millsap)

1. Opening. The meeting was opened with a devotional and prayer led by Kim Kinzler.
2. Moments of Faith: Deacons shared times when the presence of God was especially strong.
3. PASTORS REPORT:
 - a. Rev. Keith and Rev. Helen shared updates related to the home gatherings which are being coordinated by a task force of the Deacons.
 - b. Plans for the upcoming installation and celebration of Rev. Keith were shared. Rev. Carl Parsons will lead a workshop based on the book “The Counterintuitive Gospel” Deacons were asked to share and encourage activities related to the weekend. Keith said that Carl is an excellent teacher discussing provocative ideas.
 - c. Rev. Helen and Michael Cooper will lead a 6-week workshop on tools for caregivers.
 - d. A new pictorial directory is underway, with photographs in October. Non-members are also welcome to participate in the photography portion – for Christmas pictures or other events.
 - e. Rev. Keith reported that October 25th will be a special event of the church, as we celebrate Kirking of the Tartans – clans gathering to celebrate the Kirk (church). Rev. Tom Curry, faculty at Austin Theological Seminary, will preach that day. This will be a combined service.
 - f. Rev. Keith recently attended a course at the Shellane Institute for Contemplative Leadership. His studies focused on development of a contemplative congregation and methods/practices which encourage contemplation.
 - g. Rev. Helen reported the Choir will present a Cantata on December 13th. This will be a combined service.
4. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. HOSPITALITY: The Committee plans to sponsor Deacon picnic in September (when it’s cooler outside). More information will be shared at the September meeting or by e-mail. Rev. Helen shared that the Session Fellowship Committee will sponsor the annual shrimp boil on September 26th (for planning purposes).
 - b. COMMUNICATIONS – no report.

c. COMMUNITY SERVICE -

A Blood drive will be held September 27th Sign-ups will be September 13th (Marsha Millsap) and September 20th (Cathy Black). Kitty will provide posters and bulletin inserts.

The Home Gatherings / Meet & Greet task force is working closely with Rev. Keith and Rev. Helen to coordinate meetings in home between now and January. The goals of the meetings are to listen to people's questions regarding the vision statement, to talk about stewardship and how debt affects the church's ability to minister to congregants and the community, and for Rev. Keith to meet as many people as possible, including shut-ins.

d. IMMEDIATE CARE: Carol Owen reported on a member who has requested assistance during a planned outpatient procedure (transportation and post-op care. Carol and Moderator Mike Russell will meet with the pastoral staff regarding this request for care.

e. TRANSPORTATION: The committee is working on re-writing instructions for incoming deacons and congregants.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Moderator Mike reported the Deacon pictures in the hallway are now updated.

6. ZONE REPORTS were shared by Deacons.

7. The meeting was closed at 7:45 with a prayer led by the Rev. Keith Uffman.

Secretary for 2015 Board of Deacons

Kim Harano

The next meeting will be held on SEPTEMBER 3, 2015

DEVOTIONAL Vicki Smith

REFRESHMENTS Carol Owens and Mike Russell