

Deacon Board Minutes

Webster Presbyterian Church

April 9, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm. Jeanette Schwarz led us in a devotional and opened the meeting with prayer.

Moments in Faith: Moderator Mike led members to recall when they were touched emotionally, spiritually as a Deacon.

The March 2015 minutes were unanimously approved following a motion by Alex Bradley and a second by Olive Thunyani. The motion was approved.

Pastor Report – the Rev. Helen DeLeon

Helen led us in a discussion about grief care. She encouraged us to especially remember the anniversaries of the death of their loved ones, and when the anniversary nears, to contact the zone member. She said that these anniversaries can be very difficult, and a kind word can really help.

Helen and Cathy Black recently visited area hospitals and care centers, and visited with hospitalized congregants and their 5 families.

Helen reported that Rev. Keith has asked the Deacon Board to help celebrate Pentecost by collecting pics of the life of the church to form a creative display and show ourselves as community. She suggested that we scan the pictures and send them to the church electronically.

Helen reported that Rev. Keith has asked the Deacons to consider developing a gifts memorial honoring the Rev. Dean Woodruff. The Deacons would work with the special gifts committee on using the funds later. Liz Loynes made a motion to establish a Dean Woodruff Memorial Fund, which was seconded by Liz Clifford. The motion was unanimously approved. We will talk next month about how that fund might be used.

Rev. Keith will begin teaching a class in the Meeting Room on Thursday evenings 7:00 – 9:00 April 23 – May 28 titled “Science and Religion in Quest for Truth”. The class will also be taught on Tuesday mornings 10:30 – 11:30 am June 9 – July 14.

Pastor Keith will lead the Tuesday Morning Joy Connection group in a study titled “Laying Down the Sword: Why We Cannot Ignore the Bible’s Violent Verses” in the Meeting Room, 10:30 – 11:30 April 14 – June 2.

Session Report – Pastor Helen DeLeon. Helen stated that, although the Session met, there is no news related to the Deacon ministry to report.

New Business: As information a baby shower will be held for Jesse in Bouton Hall May 3rd immediately after 2nd service.

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Mike Russell reported a Blood Drive will be held on May 3rd. He distributed a sign-up sheet to provide information at a booth was distributed. The Deacons will also provide a Minute for Mission on April 19th to the congregation. Coordinator: Kitty Marquardt.

Sign-up Sheets: were distributed.

Zone reports were received and concerns were shared.

Transportation: Jeanette Schwarz and Will Powers

Mike Russell will meet with Jeanette and Will to review the transportation program

Community Service: No report.

Hospitality: No report.

Communications: No report.

Immediate Care: No report.

Pastor Helen DeLeon closed our meeting with prayer at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary for 2015 Board of Deacons

Kim Harano

The next meeting is May 5, 2015.

Meeting devotional: Will Powers

Meeting refreshments: Freeman Gregory & Kim Kinzler