

Webster Presbyterian Church

Board of Deacons Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2015

(Refreshments provided courtesy of India Allen and Vicki Smith)

- 1 & 2. Opening. The meeting was opened with a devotional and prayer let by India Allen.
3. Moments of Faith – The Deacon Board shared their experiences in assisting with the Baptismal Vows renewal. Board members were surprised and touched by the emotional response of the congregation, and reflected that it was a powerful experience. Board members affirmed they will volunteer to lead future vows renewals.
4. Meeting Minutes: The September 2015 Deacon meeting minutes were approved.
5. Pastor's Report: Helen reported on the following. Deacons were encouraged to share this information with zone members and encourage their participation.
 - a. OCTOBER 4th: Youth Mission Report Youth will provide lunch and a program to show the congregation their mission work this past year.
 - b. OCTOBER 10th: "Free the Captives" benefit will be held. The cost is \$10, the door opens at 6:00 p.m., with the concert beginning at 7:00 p.m.
 - c. OCTOBER 25th: REFORMATION SUNDAY. For this **combined service at 11:15**, wear your kilts, get your Scottish heritage colors on, as we celebrate with Dr. Thomas Curry, Professor Emeritus of Theology, Union Presbyterian Theological Seminary in San Francisco Theological Seminary. He will lead our congregation in a combined worship at 11:15 am, and lead a study beginning at 4:00 pm.
 - d. NOVEMBER 1ST ALL SAINT'S SERVICE: A Sunday dedicated to remembering loved ones who have passed before us. To prepare, Rev. Helen will need the following information in advance: full name, year of birth and death, and relationship to the person submitting their name. Members can leave the information on her office phone message system.
 - e. NOVEMBER 29th: ADVENT begins. During all of Advent, everyone will come together as one family for **combined worship at 11:15 am**. Regular first service will not be held, but a contemplative service will be held at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning in Advent for those unable to attend the 11:15 service.
6. ELDER REPORT: Elder Jim Young reported the following: ***There church organ needs repair, costs are estimated at around \$50,000. ***An updated Sexual Misconduct Policy has been accepted by the Session and is now in effect. Jim thanked the Deacons for serving the congregation.
7. Old business: The blood drive was very successful, with 18 donations received.
8. New Business:
 - a. Home meetings – Kim Kinzler reported the meetings of 10 are well received, sign-up is in the Narthex.
 - b. New Directory pictures: October 20-24: Mention to your zone members, they can be used as Christmas letters, too. Sign-up is in the Narthex.
 - c. Nominating Committee – no report.
9. Sign-up Sheets were distributed

10. Committee Reports

- a. Hospitality: Deacon Social: Members and their families were encouraged to attend the Deacon Social, to be held Sunday OCTOBER 11th from 12:30 – 2:30 in Bouton Hall. (Pot luck).
- b. Immediate Care: Members were thanked for their help with a well received memorial service for Dick Mills.
Memorial services for Clete Booher will be held October 16th.
- c. Transportation: The committee is searching for back-up drivers to cover occasional needs of weekly drivers.

11. Zone Reports were received.

12. The meeting was closed at 8:00 p.m. with a prayer led by Rev. Helen.

Secretary for 2015 Board of Deacons



Kim Harano

The next meeting will be held on NOVEMBER 5, 2015.

Devotional: Liz Loynes. Refreshments: Liz Loynes & Anna Mae Boyer