



BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 7, 2023

Members Present: Cathy Black, Beverly Crockett, Sandy Dwyer, Kim Kinzler, Julie Ludanyi, Coco Motley, Sandy Murphy, Carol Owens, Alberta Rohling, Tom Sharon, Anne Waehner, Jamee Wilson

Opening Prayer and Devotional: Evening Prayer Service

Session Report: Jamee Wilson

- Deaths since last report -- Betty Montgomery, December 3
- Session approved Tom Sharon to serve as our Interim Minister for all of 2024, with added months as needed. Richard Kleiman will serve as Parish Associate of Care for the same period of time.
- They also approved a search to find someone to serve as Christian Education leader to restore the Sunday School program for WPC children.
- Communion dates for 2024 were presented by the Worship and Music team. These dates were approved.
- The Member Review Team presented 24 more people to be removed from the rolls. They have been working for some time to clear out the rolls, and 48 people have previously been removed.

Immediate Care and Concerns Handover:

Outgoing Care Team: Kim Kinzler, Carol Owens, Anne Waehner

Incoming Care Team: Beverly Crockett, Erika Lopez, Coco Motley

The members assigned to this group:

Paul Harano, Pat Brackett -- Beverly

Marjy Fulton, Ardeen Martin, Dave Marks – Coco

John and Roemehl Dewey, Terrell McMillan-- Erika

Pastor Report

- Tom Sharon updated us on the people to whom he had sent cards, visited, or called,
- He discussed the upcoming Interfaith Community Service for Peace on Sunday, December 10. It will be held at the League City Civic Center and will start at 4:00pm. The doors will be opened at 3:00. The focus of the service will be on the innocents who are

suffering everywhere. Volunteers have been asked to bring chocolate chip cookies. Julie volunteered to bring 50 plates and napkins. The social interaction, after the service, with the people who are our friends and neighbors and live with us in community is very important.

- The baptism for Arwyn Kinzler has been postponed. The date for the baptism is pending.
- Tom reported that much of his time during the past month was devoted to Worship and ministry activities, and pastoral transitioning, along with his care responsibilities.

Additional Business:

- Grief Booklet Update: Kim Kinzler
Kim and Anne completed the November Grief Booklets (9 books sent)
Beverly, Erika, and Coco will have 5 books to send this month.
- Communion: December 24 at 5:00pm -- Beverly Crockett, Erika Lopez, and Coco Motley. No communion will be served during the morning service. The revised communion set-up procedure is in the cabinets in the Communion Preparation Room.
- The Christmas party on December 9 at 5:00pm will be hosted by Sandy Murphy at her house. The address is 15719 Brookvilla Dr. in Houston, 77059 (Brookforest). Spouses and family members are invited, and dinner and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dozen cookies to share. RSVP to let Sandy know if you will attend. (832-444-6785 or se.murphy@comcast.net)
- Sandy D. gave an update on the Food Pantry. The Men's Cooking Team and the Wayward Walkers will oversee keeping it filled during this month. Some of the items needed are: protein sources – like tuna or chicken packets, or Spam. People seem to like SpaghettiO's, oatmeal, cereal bars, chips, peanut butter and crackers, Top Ramen, and pop tarts. Sandy discussed a food drive that was being planned for January to enable the pantry to offer a more varied choice of food for people to select. Tom reported that the Food Pantry has been meaningful. People are pleased to find that food is available to them and seem to be using it more.
- Training has not been set for new Deacons but will be sometime in December. They need to be ordained and installed before that can happen. Dates will be decided on soon. The current Deacons, who

are rolling off the Board, will need to attend the January meeting.
The new group takes over in February.

Keep-in-Touch Lists

Several people gave updates on people on their Keep-in-Touch lists. Some new people were added to the list. We discussed that many of our members just need cards, phone calls, and/or notes to let them know we are thinking about them. Some of the people we need to remember are:

Jeanie Murray
Jane Wenninger
Lou Lighty (visitor, talk to Julie if you have questions)
Jerry Goodman
Clyde and Jackie Hart

Next Meeting: January 4, 2024 at 7pm via Zoom

Volunteer for closing prayer in January – Sandy Dwyer

Closing Prayer: Kim Kinzler

Respectfully submitted,
Coco Motley

