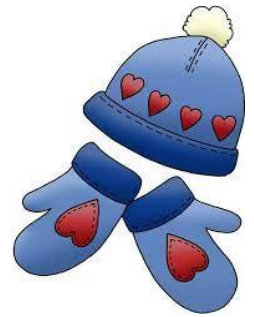




BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 4, 2024



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

- No Session meeting this month,
- They did have a Session retreat.

IMMEDIATE CARE AND CONCERNS HANDOVER:

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

Incoming Care Team: Julie Ludanyi, Sandy Dwyer, Karla Bradley

- The outgoing care team discussed their visits with the people assigned to them.
- Those needing to remain on the Immediate Care list were assigned to the incoming team members:
 - Sandy D. – John and Roemehl Dewey, Marjy Fulton
 - Karla – Ardeen Martin, Pat Brackett
 - Julie – Terrell McMillan

PASTOR REPORT: Tom Sharon

- Tom led a discussion about ways to improve communication with our members. He is looking at removing some of the extra stuff from the bulletin. We discussed the need for a newsletter and possibly a calendar to help let people know what is happening at the church.
- He also talked about the important role the Deacons play in helping our members feel the love of the church. He wholeheartedly supports our Deacon structure and will keep things the way they are.
- He also gave a report on the Interfaith Prayer Service. It was a very meaningful service and was healing to many people. About 300 people were there, and WPC was well represented. Tom and Richard did a wonderful job in their part of the program!

- We have had several new visitors recently Tom has been focused on contacting visitors, sending them cards, and talking to them about activities in the church. That communication is so important to make visitors feel noticed and welcome.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

- Grief Booklet Update: Kim Kinzler
Five books were sent in December, and there will be four sent in January. Jean Zophy has been added to the list.
- Communion Jan 7: Julie, Sandy D & Karla
- Memorial Service for Betty Montgomery on Thursday, Jan 11 at 10 am: Coco will be family deacon. Anne, Kim & Carol in charge of reception. Please come help if you are available. Set up will be on Wednesday, Jan.10 at 5:30. People need to come at 9:15 on Thursday to get things cut up, plated, and set out for the reception.

KEEP IN TOUCH LISTS:

- Cathy talked about the Doug and Sharon McCann, who have moved to Baytown. Cards and visits would be appreciated.
- Coco gave an update on Jeanie Murray's progress and her positive attitude. She would also love cards and support from her church family.

NEXT MEETING: February 1 at 7pm via Zoom

- Volunteer for closing prayer — Sandy Murphy
- Karla & Julie will need to attend to give their Care report
- Coco, Alberta, Anne & Leo do not need to attend
- Sandy M will be leading the meeting as new Moderator for 2024
- New deacons will be Laura Bryan, Susan Fox and Debbie Masden

CLOSING PRAYER: Sandy Dwyer

Respectfully submitted,

Coco Motley

