

Deacon Minutes – Approved
10 July 2018

Present: Steve Stalder, Cindy Taylor, Rob Stegeman, Debbie Ellison, Mary Lancaster, Pam Parker, Ishi Stackpole, and Dennis King

Absent: Ethan Funk, Teri Burgen, and Pastor Cable

Opening Prayer: Mary Lancaster

Meeting Opened: 5:45 pm

June Deacon Minutes: Approved as corrected. Ordered to be sent out to the Deacons, Session and Office Staff.

Pastor's Report

- Gospel Shaped Mercy by Stephen Um
- Shalom discussion (led by Pam Parker)
 - Untranslated word generally meaning absence of conflict and presence of wholeness.
 - Shorthand for the way the world was meant to be
 - State of flourishing, fullness, completeness of God, humans and all creation in justice, fulfillment and delight
- Humans are the only creatures created in the image of God
 - Image bearers should reflect the love and care of their creator
 - Shalom would remain intact as long as the man and woman kept things in order.
 - As God's image bearers, Adam and Eve were called to love, trust and obey God above all else.
 - Breakdown of Shalom occurred in the community when Adam and Eve exalted themselves above their creator and ate of the tree they were told not to eat from.
- Consequences of Sin
 - Spiritual Breakdown (enmity between God and man)
 - Creational Breakdown (exploit creation and its resources)
 - Structural Breakdown (families, neighborhoods, government)
 - Relational Breakdown
 - Individual Breakdown (guilt, shame, anxiety, etc)
- Jesus
 - Royal Caretaker
 - Did what Adam failed to do
 - Perfectly bore the image of God
 - Refused to give into temptations of the devil
 - Made Shalom by the blood of the cross
- The Christian experience of shalom is held in an 'already/not yet' tension
 - See chart on page 19 of workbook

- We must fix our eyes on the Lord
- Patiently wait for His coming
- All things will be made new
- God finishes what He starts
- **AI:** Prepare to discuss Justice and Love (Sections 2&3) for next meeting

Team Reports

- **Coordinating**
 - No meeting last month/next meeting 17 July
 - Agenda filling up
 - KCPD will hopefully be coming to discuss their assessment of the property security
 - Intent to improve safety while keeping doors open
 - Must be vigilant, but this should not detract from worship
 - **Prayer request: To hear as a group for solutions that God wants in place.**
- **Finance**
 - No meeting/next meeting 14 July
 - Topic of discussion for next meeting refinance the mortgage
 - Insurance not renewed by GuideOne. Still waiting to hear back on other insurance options.
 - **Prayer request: For guidance and good recommendation to put forward to Session on refinance of mortgage.**
- **Helps**
 - Report on CCB
 - All teams – Chair, FirstTeam, Coffee, Conversations – need volunteers!
 - Conversations still has 5 opening for set-up/clean-up crews
 - Coffee still has no volunteers for 4th Sunday
 - Discussed not having coffee service on 4th Sunday
 - Discussed reducing snack service
 - Consider contacting Summer social groups Coffee group for possible volunteers
 - Big discussion on getting congregation to volunteer in general
 - Messages in the Link do not yield volunteers
 - Need personal invitation/interaction
 - Communication piece needed for interaction with new members to have them get involved
 - **Prayer request: To find volunteers to carry on work.**
- **Mercy**
 - see report
 - Spread sheet for HelpNet completed
 - Thought that emphasis on Demonstration/Declaration would largely impact Mercy and Outreach teams

- Prayer Request: To seek God's wisdom on what is our next endeavor and how we should go about it; Also, to see HelpNet put into action
- **Property**
 - See report
 - All windows in Ministry center have been repaired
 - Next big project to repair the roofs
 - All have been examined with thermal imaging
 - Low roof over kitchen, Mother's room etc, need complete replacement
 - Roof over ministry center have areas of focused repair marked
 - Roof over upper lobby will be completely redone
 - Property team has investigated types of materials and found Sarnafil 60 mil, energy smart, felt back material to be first line of defense
 - Have reviewed and expanded Scope of Work document with product representative
 - Will have revised documents and pre-Bid meeting on 24 July
 - Should have recommendations for session approximately 1-2 weeks later
 - Will have certified installers
 - Plan for one contractor for all roofs
 - Need inspectors as work proceeds
 - Other upcoming projects
 - Fix holes in siding
 - Sidewalk reconfiguration – waiting on bids

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

WOW reports

- Breakaway Camp has 120 kids enrolled, many from outside Gashland! Getting fed lunch and sometimes breakfast. Several kids needing seconds.
- All kids, coach and rescue teams now safely out of Thailand cave. Remarkable how many nations came together to support rescue effort. Continue to pray for family of Navy seal who died during first rescue attempt.
- Michael's 2 sermons were awesome giving many people something to think and talk about. Provided much insight and perspective for changing how to understand the reason behind other's actions and why we all need Grace. Remember Jesus' words on the cross "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."
- Deacon fellowship at Rob's house.

Closing Prayer: Pam Parker
Meeting adjourned: 7:37 pm
Next Meeting: 14 Aug 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Taylor
Clerk of Deacons

Mary Lancaster
Vice Moderator