

West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship
Congregational Meeting
April 10, 2016

Present: Alex Esh Bouwman (Deacon), Elaine Shenk, Kathie Sauder, Rebecca Weber, Brooke Blough (Deacon), Amanda Esh Bouwman, Sylvia Horst, Jim Kurtz, Mark Michalovic (Elder), Bryan Geib (Deacon), Jeff Knightly, Drick Boyd, Nick Lordi (Elder), Sherri Michalovic, Brenda Rich (Elder), Dorianna Lordi (Administrative Assistant), Laurie Callan (Elder), Lorie Hershey (Pastor), Robert Kuehl, Laurie Brunk, Don Brunk, Linda Esh, Mel Esh, Sheldon Rich, Joseph Syzdek, Carol Buhrman, Tim Schellenberg, Lenny Thompson

Alex began meeting at 11:50 p.m.

Lorie opened meeting with prayer.

Alex explained the purpose of Shalom fund being a way to creatively use our collected over the years surplus. He also read the Shalom fund guidelines and reminded everyone that he had sent out the shalom fund proposal via email.

The deacons are proposing to give Redemption housing a shalom fund grant of \$21,000.

Congregation had a time of discussion and the congregation asked Nick and the deacons questions, clarifying that:

- Nick has made contact with other church and organization leaders, but has not reached out specifically to churches for support yet.
- The long term goal is owning a home for Redemption housing.
- Success is measured by building community and relationships with the Men, not looking at just numbers.
- Redemption Housing is currently spending the rest of 2016 raising support. \$6,000 is needed in 2015 and the remaining \$15,000 after 2016.
- Planning to house 6-10 men in a neighborhood that is currently zoned.

Reviewed CDM rules and congregation broke into groups of three for CDM.

Congregation achieved consensus and approved the \$21,000 from Shalom fund to be designated to Redemption housing.

Brooke concluded meeting at 12:45 p.m.