

West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship
Deacon Meeting Minutes November 23, 2015 6:30 PM

All in Attendance: Brooke Blough, Alex Esh-Bouwman, Bryan Geib (recording minutes)

Minutes

The minutes from October 19, 2015 were approved

Financials

-Income is 99.3% of budget and expenses are 101.4%, and we are close to target for the year, accounting for timing of some recent expenses.

-The deacons have been advised to take a closer look at market risk, liquidity, and ROI, maintaining a portfolio balanced between stocks and bonds. The previous plan would have put our investments entirely in the stock market. Brooke contacted Randy Nyce, and he will reach out to us on behalf of Everence. She will email Randy and introduce him to Alex and Bryan.

-Randy Nyce also offered to share with the deacons some policies and methods for a church to receive the donation of part or all of a personal estate. Brooke is to reach out to him on this issue as well.

Projection and Sound Equipment

-Alex has ordered a projector to replace the WPMF equipment that has been missing.

-A dedicated computer will complete the upgrade to a newer multimedia system and will replace the old, slow computer we currently use. Bryan will research and purchase a laptop for this use.

-Dillon mentioned that the lapel mic and/or the transmitter is struggling and may need to be fixed or replaced. Bryan is discussing the problem with Dillon and will look into remediation options.

Core Missions

-Core missions have all been disbursed. Discretionary fund is to be disbursed at the end of the year.

-The SurveyMonkey results indicate a preference to split local and international missions halfway. The top item in each category was decidedly first, so the cores will be Christian Peacemaker Teams and POWER. We also received feedback leading us to adopt only two core missions instead of four, to concentrate our efforts, such that each core will be allotted 40% of the normal core mission budget, and the discretionary fund will continue to be allotted 20% as per normal.

Budget

-Alex developed the 2016 budget, and it will be proposed (tentatively December 13th) at a congregational meeting, to be announced November 29th. It has been approved by the other deacons.

Outdoor Sign

-The WPMF sign is outdated and is to be replaced. Alex is to contact Fireball Signs for a quote on a 84"x 54" sign with grommets and hem.

Donation Opportunity

The opportunity arose to donate financially to Kingdom Builders. Since the need doesn't seem to be immediate, it was decided to hold off on this until the next meeting until we can figure out exactly what our financial situation is. Pending further information and coordination with Kingdom Builders and Pastor Lorie

Next meeting December 21, 2015