

West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship  
Deacon Meeting Minutes December 21, 2015 6:30 PM

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

### **Minutes**

The minutes from November 23, 2015 were approved

### **Financials**

- Income is 97.6% of budget and expenses are 99.6%, leaving a \$2,900 deficit.
- No suitable solution was found for divestment from fossil fuel, so no change is proposed.
- 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**

- 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 and Discretionary Fund**

-Core missions have all been disbursed for 2015. Recipients for the Discretionary Fund have been selected, and each entity will receive \$150.

### **Budget**

- 2016 budget was approved by congregational consensus
- Pastor Lorie's housing allowance for 2016 is \$30,000.

### **Outdoor Sign**

-The WPMF sign is outdated and is to be replaced. Alex is to contact Fireball Signs for a quote on an 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

### **Missions Budget for 2016**

- The Missions budget is to be 10% of the annual budget, or \$17,000 for 2016
- The two core missions will each receive \$3,000, and the discretionary fund will contain \$1,500.
- \$3,500 will be given to Franconia Conference
- Mennonite Mission Network and Mennonite Central Committee will each receive \$1,750
- Mennonite World Conference will receive \$1,500
- Mennonite Education Agency will receive \$1,000

Next meeting January 25, 2016