

West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship  
Deacon Meeting Minutes March 2, 2015 7:00 PM

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

### **Minutes**

The minutes from January 26, 2015 were approved via email

### **Financials**

- January giving is at 74.9% of budget and expenses are 51.1%.
- February giving is at 80.6% of budget and expenses are at 67.0%.
- The deacons were encouraged to ensure that WPMF and its investments are divested from fossil fuel-related companies. One of our three investments, which are in the PAX funds administered by Vanguard, expressly sees no benefit from fossil fuel.

### **Core Missions**

A check of \$1800 is to be disbursed to Christian Peacemaker Teams, the first core mission for the year.

### **Time Share**

Sheldon indicated that time share contracts are immensely complicated, and he wasn't convinced that any benefits that might be enjoyed by the church would warrant an extended investigation of our options. It also seems impractical for us to assume any responsibility for property at such a distance as Florida. The most appropriate action to take at this point is to coordinate with the member that offered the time share, understand the member's wishes, and discern next steps to take. Bryan is to expedite this conversation.

### **Building and Occupancy**

-Calvary has provided WPMF with the official notice of the raise of occupancy as indicated late last calendar year. The new rate per the notice is to be \$2001.10 per month beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> with an additional \$75 per month utility surcharge for a limited time to allow for grant research toward solarizing the building. A reminder will be provided to the admin assistant.

### **Cantankerous Contraption**

-The transition to the new office computer is complete. The old computer is to be recycled and the hard drive is to be wiped and destroyed.

### **Mutual Aid**

- The Sharing Fund, by which Everence matches our mutual aid payouts, has increased to \$3000.
- A mutual aid request has been made of the deacons. It has been deemed a reasonable request, and payment of \$500 will be made with a \$500 application to the Sharing Fund, for a total of \$1,000.

Next meeting April 22, 2015 at 6:30 PM