

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

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

### **Minutes**

The minutes from August 19, 2015 were approved

### **Financials**

- Income is 100.2% of budget and expenses are 94.3%, resulting in a \$6,000 surplus.
- 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. We will share the concept of divestment from fossil fuels with the congregation at the mid-year check-in and receive congregational input

### **Website Donations**

- Alex is to coordinate with Luan and provide our official acceptance of his proposal to use Stripe on the church website.

### **Laptop and Projector**

- The WPMF projector has disappeared and should be replaced. Alex is to look at a few replacement options, and the best one will be approved. One criteria for the replacement projector is compatibility with the WPMF laptop that it will be used with. Bryan will look at the laptop and verify what connections or adapters are needed.

### **Core Missions**

- The fourth and final core mission payout for the year will be disbursed to Esperanza next month.
- Brooke is to resurrect last year's survey monkey for mission donations. The deacons hope to eliminate some of the larger organizations in favor of some smaller ones that will benefit more tangibly from our donations. The final list will be sent to the congregation for feedback.

### **Budget**

- The proposal of the 2016 budget should be given to the congregation in mid-December. The finances through September are to be provided to the deacons by October 8 and projected for the last ¼ of the year. The committees and leadership of the church will be given three weeks to estimate their respective budget items required for the new year. The responses will be analyzed and formulated into a 2016 budget proposal by November 29, at which time the deacons will announce the official meeting date (tentatively December 13<sup>th</sup>).

### **Mutual Aid**

- Bryan is to collect more information and coordinate a possible mutual aid disbursement.

### **Outdoor Sign**

- The WPMF sign is outdated and is to be replaced. Fireball signs was recommended as a possible company to do the job. Alex is to contact them for a quote and more information on sign types.

Next meeting scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm