

West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship
Deacon Meeting Minutes August 24, 2016 7:15 PM

All in Attendance: Brooke Blough, Bryan Geib (recording minutes), Lenny Thompson

Minutes

The minutes from July 18, 2016 were approved

Financials

- Income is 88.3% of budget and expenses are 98.1%, leaving a \$8,000.
- 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. Now that Lenny has been established as deacon, we will pursue this information.
- Quickbooks correctly indicate that the interest and dividend are being automatically reinvested into the Building Fund.

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.
- The lapel mic transmitter is struggling and may need to be fixed or replaced. Bryan will look into remediation options.

Readjustment of Office Equipment With a Sledgehammer

- Dorianna was authorized to upgrade Microsoft Office

Redemption Housing

- Research indicates that fiscal sponsorship is more involved and places more responsibility on the sponsor organization than was previously imagined. Deacons to follow up with Nick and/or Redemption Housing Committee to weigh costs/risks/rewards and discern necessity.

Building and Facilities

- Congregation should be polled regarding opinions about the current WPMF facilities. Lenny is to revise Survey Monkey (congregation to have a month to fill out upon distribution). Bryan is to follow up with a contact at Woodland Presbyterian to gather info.

Missions

- Core mission payout to be given to Christian Peacemaker Teams.

Mutual Aid Request

Brooke to complete Shalom Fund request form for recent mutual aid disbursement.

Miscellaneous Updates

- The WPMF website does not show up prominently on Google or Bing for “welcoming” or “LGBT” or “Mennonite church Philadelphia”. Can Dorianna edit this herself?
- The mid-year financial check-in is August 28. Bryan to revise handouts for clarity.
- Dorianna is to research some options for an affordable A-frame sidewalk sign to place outside the door during Sunday morning services.

Next meeting September 20, 2016 at 7:15 PM