

West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship
Deacon Meeting Minutes July 24, 2018 7:00 PM

In Attendance: Carol Buhrman, Jeff Knightly, Rebecca Weber

Minutes

The minutes from June 19, 2018 were approved.

Custodian

Jeff will follow up with Bryan about getting instructions for the sound system. Jeff will talk with the youth about clarifying responsibilities. We still need clearances from Maggie & Emma. Rebecca will follow up with them and express the importance and enlist Dorianna's help if necessary.

Financials

Income 87.3%, Expenses 91.6%, deficit of \$5,200. Will discuss finances at the congregational meeting. Asked Dorianna to cut the core missions check to POWER.

Mutual Aid

Linford has offered to complete the work that Kingdom Builders were planning to do, but in a more "surgical" and less time intensive way. The communications and experiences with Kingdom Builders were frustrating. Lorie and Rebecca will try to get together with Kingdom Builders to talk through how things went and try to build understanding of each other's perspectives.

Everence

Completed the forms to add Carol as a signatory to the Everence accounts.

Building Search

We are touring the Common Place tomorrow. Carol, Ethan, Mark, Sherri, Lorie, and Linda are planning to attend the tour. The primary goal is to look at Sunday School space options and how that might work and also have other people from church council look at it. Carol will also ask Pastor Cean about meeting with leadership and who it makes sense to meet with.

White Rock does not seem like a possibility – they did not get back to Rebecca. Carol e-mailed Amy Hochstettler about Penn Alexander. Apparently there has been a lot of push back from the School District about renting the space. Jeff looked at the application to the school district and it specifically states that religious organizations can rent. Rebecca will talk to Donna Sharer about this possibility and how to approach it. Rebecca hasn't heard back from Lombard Central, decided to not pursue this further.

Jeff has tried to contact ICS West but hasn't been able to get in touch with anyone. He will try again and see if Nick & Dorianna have any contacts there since Nyla attends school there.

Rebecca will send these questions for the Common Place to Carol for the meeting: Will Wayne Presbyterian be the landlord? Is TCP the staff we would interface with? What is the timeline for returning the building to TCP? What is the condition of the piano? Can we move the piano to the front? Where will Sunday school classes meet? How will we enter? Which entrance/do we need receptionist by parking lot to buzz in? Where will storage of various things be – hymnals/worship materials, Sunday school supplies, kitchen supplies? Where will office be?

Congregational Meeting July 29

Carol is working on getting two childcare volunteers. Elizabeth has agreed to facilitate and Sylvia agreed to take minutes. Rebecca will present the financial update. Carol will present an update on the building search and have some photos to share. Rebecca will ask Bryan about setting up the projector to view the photos. Carol will bring snacks.

Offering

Rebecca will count offering on July 29 and train Carol. Carol will count August.

Future Business

New laptop needed for multimedia system

Next meeting August 14, 2018 at 7:00 PM