

West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship
Deacon Meeting Minutes December 19, 2018 7:00 PM

In Attendance: Carol Buhrman, Jeff Knightly, Rebecca Weber (and the entire nativity crew)

Minutes

The minutes from November 14 were approved as recorded.

Mutual Aid

Everence checks received for two different requests and grant to Redemption Housing check signed.

Financials

Income 96.1%, Expenses 95.1%, surplus of \$1,500!!!

Offering

Jeff will count January, Carol will count February, Rebecca will count March, Carol will count April.

Custodian

Sound system setup with Maggie and Emma seems to be going smoothly. We will continue to have one deacon present at 8:30 AM on Sunday for one more week and then discontinue that practice.

There seems to be a problem with the mixer that the gooseneck microphone isn't working. Rebecca talked with Greg Scott about the problem and he is going to try to repair the mixer. If he is not able to repair the mixer, we can purchase an additional piece of hardware.

Computers

Rebecca will check in with Lorie about her computer.

2019 Budget

Budget meeting is scheduled for Sunday January 20, 2019 after Sunday School. Dorianna is available to take minutes. We need a facilitator (Jeff), snacks (Jeff), childcare (Carol), handouts (Rebecca), and presenter (Rebecca). We reviewed a draft of the budget with total expenses of \$187,800 and agree to bring this proposal to the congregation. We also agree to propose to continue with the same three core missions giving organizations as 2018 – POWER, Redemption Housing, and Crossroads Community Center. The budget for Pastor Lorie's housing allowance for 2019 is proposed to be \$35,000.

Everence

Jeff gave us an update on Everence. We will be at the same level of Sharing Fund grants for 2019. Jeff & Lorie met with Randy Nyce and another representative and heard about the many resources available to churches.

Missions Giving

We reviewed missions giving to date this year and requests and decided to give the following amounts: Crossroads Community Center \$300 (\$210 from donations from the congregation), and \$125 each to the following – City School, Christian Peacemaker Teams, Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission, New Sanctuary Movement, and Heeding God's Call.

Next meeting scheduled for January 23 at 7 PM.