

West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship

Deacon Meeting Minutes, August 13, 2019, 7:00 PM

In Attendance: Carol Buhrman (and Clara), Jeff Knightly, Rebecca Weber

Minutes

The minutes from July 17 were approved as recorded.

Financials

Through July, income 86.9%, expenses 97.2%, deficit of \$11,300. The deficit increased by \$4,000 in July, primarily because offering giving was short of budget by that much in July. July included later services and very hot weather. Hopefully August and September will see giving bounce back.

Offering

Rebecca will count in August and September 1, Carol will count in September except the 1st, Jeff will count October.

Building Search Update

Carol emailed Lorie about potentially meeting with Pastor Chris and Pastor Sean at The Common Place. Lorie sent an email to the two pastors to give them an update about our current place in the decision making process. We still hope to schedule a time to meet with them to confirm our understanding and get questions answered. Carol will get back to Lorie about timing and both Carol and Jeff are open to being part of this meeting.

Lorie e-mailed about our opportunity to meet with representatives from Partners for Sacred Places. Jeff is willing to represent deacons in this meeting. Jeff will follow up with Lorie about this.

MC USA- Ministry Inquiry/Summer Service Program

Everence denied our application for a matching grant for Rebecca Yugga's summer service at Crossroads because grants cannot fund individual service programs.

Mid-Year Check-In

The mid-year check-in happened July 21. We also sent an update by e-mail to the congregation.

Computers

Based on our discussions between meetings, Jeff purchased a laptop for Lorie and it arrived today. Jeff will leave a note for Lorie that if she wants to set up the computer herself she can, and if she wants help he can help. Dorianna can set up Microsoft Office for her.

Sound System

Will discuss this again next month and see how sound is during the period between meetings. Rebecca will talk with Maggie and Emma about the reverb/programming functions on the mixer and being sure that they are turned off.

Missions Request

Norristown New Life church is raising funds for a capital campaign in partnership with Partners for Sacred Places. We agreed to send \$500 from the missions budget for this purpose. Rebecca will ask Dorianna to write a check.

Next meeting scheduled for September 25 at 7:30 PM.

Future business: Windows 10 for Dorianna; Everence workshop for budgeting or other ways to discuss stewardship; core missions giving \$2,500 each –Redemption Housing in November