

West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship  
Deacon Meeting Minutes June 22, 2015 6:00 PM

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

### **Minutes**

The minutes from May 19, 2015 were approved

### **Financials**

- Income is 98.2% of budget and expenses are 89.5%, leaving a \$6,000 surplus. This is partially due to the timing of the core mission disbursement
- The deacons are investigating options to ensure that we are completely divested from fossil fuel-related companies. One of our three investments, which are in the PAX funds administered by Vanguard, expressly sees no benefit from fossil fuel. Vanguard has provided information on its offerings, and Bryan is to look through it to understand where our investments are currently and where we want them to go.

### **Building**

- The project of creating building access for people with disabilities is in the paperwork phase, according to Calvary.
- The adult education room is in need of cleaning. Calvary will be advised.

### **Mutual Aid**

- The sharing fund application for \$500 is completed and prepared to be sent.
- \$500 of mutual aid has been disbursed to an online fund, and \$500 will be sent to the same fund in the next billing cycle due to the credit limit on Dorianna's card. Altogether, \$2,000 has been given from mutual aid this year, with \$1,000 being reimbursed to us from the Sharing Fund.

### **The Back and Forth of Adminton**

- POWER sent WPMF a confusing invoice for the dues, seemingly in response to our recent core mission donation. Dorianna will contact POWER for clarification.
- The credit limit of Dorianna's and Pastor Lorie's cards should be increased to \$1,500 to avoid future challenges such as have been experienced with recent large expenses, i.e. airfare or larger donations.

### **Website Donations**

- Included in the design of our website were a few options for electronic giving, along with detailed explanations. "Stripe" is the recommended service. Alex is to explore the donation process and share his findings.
- We need to verify that the process for tithing online has not changed since Everence went through the recent update of their system.

Next meeting scheduled for July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.