

West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship
Deacon Meeting Minutes August 19, 2015 6:00 PM

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

Minutes

The minutes from July 15, 2015 were approved

Financials

- Income is 101.0% of budget and expenses are 93.8%.
- The deacons have been advised to take a closer look at market risk, liquidity, and ROI, maintaining a portfolio balanced between stocks and bonds. The previous plan would have put our investments entirely in the stock market. We will share the concept of divestment from fossil fuels with the congregation at the mid-year check-in and receive congregational input
- The suspected shortage of interest and dividend income stems from the fact that the dividends and capital gains are somehow not showing up in the reports that we review every meeting. Vanguard statements indicate we are receiving the correct amount.

Website Donations

- Alex is to coordinate with Luan and provide our official acceptance of his proposal to use Stripe on the church website.

Intake Form

- The intake form will be reformatted by Brooke to add some writing space and will be shared with the congregation at the mid-year check-in. We will propose to hang a clipboard on the wall of the church office and make it known that deacons (or anyone else as they are comfortable) are to fill out the form in the event that someone approaches the church in need.

Deacon Mid-Year Check-In

The deacons have confirmed the August 23 date for the mid-year check-in, immediately following church. The agenda consists of the discussion around reinvesting in a socially responsible, fossil-free manner, an information overview of the mutual aid Intake Form, and a budget update.

Next meeting scheduled for September 23rd at 6:30 pm