

West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship  
Deacon Meeting Minutes    October 26, 2016    7:15 PM

*All in Attendance:* Brooke Blough, Bryan Geib (recording minutes), Lenny Thompson

### **Minutes**

The minutes from September 20, 2016 were approved

### **Financials**

- Income is 87.3% of budget and expenses are 99.3%, leaving a \$15,000 deficit.
- Randy Nyce also offered to share with the deacons some policies and methods for a church to receive the donation of part or all of a personal estate. Now that Lenny has been established as deacon, we will pursue this information.
- A plan was developed to present the current financial status to the congregation. Bryan and Lenny are to collaborate on numbers and figures, and Brooke is to present the call toward generosity.

### **Projection and Sound Equipment**

- A dedicated computer will complete the upgrade to a newer multimedia system and will replace the old, slow computer we currently use. Bryan will research and purchase a laptop for this use.
- The lapel mic transmitter is struggling and may need to be fixed or replaced. Bryan will look into remediation options.

### **Redemption Housing**

- Nick has indicated that fiscal sponsorship will not be worth the hassle at this time.

### **Building and Facilities**

- Survey Monkey is to be closed November 1 and data is to be processed according to sample that Lenny has provided. So far there are 50 responses. Output to be presented to council.
- It was evident at the most recent meeting of church council that the building functions and operations have presented us with various difficulties, and there is a group to be formed of people willing to look around the neighborhood at different building options.

### **Mutual Aid Request**

- Brooke to complete Sharing Fund request form for recent mutual aid disbursement.
- A request was made for aid to Haiti in response to Hurricane Matthew. WPMF will contribute \$250.

### **Miscellaneous Updates**

- The WPMF website does not show up prominently on Google or Bing for “welcoming” or “LGBT” or “Mennonite church Philadelphia”. Can Dorianna edit this herself?
- The budget spreadsheet is to be prepared and sent out to all those in the congregation involved in a committee or with any responsibility for any items in the budget. Bryan is to send email.
- Dorianna is to research some options for an affordable A-frame sidewalk sign to place outside the door during Sunday morning services.

Next meeting November 22, 2016 at 7:15 PM

Energy audit

Security

Elevator

Boiler

Building users meeting summary – update congregation

Basement buildout

Stained glass windows

Light bulb

Facts, figures, appeal, follow-up email (approach the congregation this Sunday)

Send \$250 to Haiti for Bernard Sejour