

West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship
Deacon Meeting Minutes November 22, 2016 7:15 PM

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

Minutes

The minutes from October 26, 2016 were approved

Financials

- Income is 88.1% of budget and expenses are 98.3%, leaving a \$14,000 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.

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.

Building and Facilities

- Survey Monkey has been closed out and compiled. Output to be presented to council next meeting in a condensed/highlighted form, with the full output of the survey available upon request.

Mutual Aid Request

- Brooke to complete Sharing Fund request form for recent mutual aid disbursement.
- Deacons approve submitting a \$1000 grant for Redemption Housing from the Everence Sharing Fund, as the fund will expire within two weeks, and we have not used much of it this year.

Budget Meeting

- The budget requests have been made, and the new budget proposal for 2017 has been developed. It looks fairly similar to this past year, a goal which we were unable to meet. Bryan is to find out what flexibility is in the Sunday School budget, and tap into Rebecca's expertise in figuring out a way forward, then reconvene with the deacons. Childcare and facilitator will need to be arranged.
- The core missions have not been chosen yet for 2017. Deacons are to review the previous year's survey monkey and send out a version tailored to this year as soon as possible. Core missions will be listed as "TBD".

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?
- Dorianna is to research some options for an affordable A-frame sidewalk sign to place outside the door during Sunday morning services.

Next meeting December 21, 2016 at 7:15 PM