

West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship  
Deacon Meeting Minutes April 27, 2016 7:00 PM

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

### **Minutes**

The minutes from March 30, 2016 were approved

### **Financials**

- Income is 91.8% of budget and expenses are 87.4%, leaving a \$2,000 surplus.
- 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. Due to the training involved, this will be postponed until Alex's term has expired and the next deacon joins the team.

### **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.

### **Readjustment of Office Equipment With a Sledgehammer**

- Microsoft Office should be updated from 2003 to a more current and affordable version. Bryan is to coordinate with Dorianna to upgrade.

### **Redemption Housing**

- The congregation approved \$6,000 for startup costs and up to \$15,000 for a matching grant later in the calendar year. We will contact an official at Franconia or Everence to research the terms and agreements involved in fiscal sponsorship.

### **Building and Facilities**

- Congregation should be polled regarding opinions about the current WPMF facilities. Brooke is to develop Survey Monkey for church council meeting May 11 (prepare by April 8<sup>th</sup>). Bryan is to reach out to a contact at Woodland Presbyterian to gather info.

### **Kingdom Builders Donation**

- Kingdom Builders is looking to hold a staff retreat and is looking for a grant of \$1,000 to enable them to defray the cost. The deacons have reviewed the request and approve a payment of this amount payable from the Shalom Fund.

Next meeting April 27, 2016