

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

Minutes

The minutes from December 21, 2016 were approved. No meeting was held in January. Brooke has informed HRC and the deacons that she will be stepping down as deacon in the near future. HRC is in charge of seeking a replacement.

Financials

- Income is 82.2% of budget and expenses are 103.7%, leaving a \$3,000 deficit.
- Randy Nyce 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. Brooke is to coordinate a training with him.
- Deacons went through some overdue emails and the deacon folder and addressed outstanding items.

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.

Mutual Aid Request

- A request has been made by Kingdom Builders Construction for WPMF to contribute \$3,000 to a construction job for one of our members. An application for \$500 will be submitted to the Sharing Fund. Note that Sharing Fund for 2017 contains \$2,250.
- A request has been made by the Camping Inquiry Program for a \$500 contribution to an upcoming summer experience for one of our college students. Payment will be made once the preceding mutual aid request is addressed and closed out.
- Requests have been made for contributions to the Calvary basement renovation initiative and as a follow-up to the multi-faith Inauguration Day event, but both requests have been made known to the congregation, and we leave the decision up to the discretion of individual members.

Budget Meeting and Financials

- Bryan is to email Dorianna about the process of contacting the donors who contributed to the building fund. This will give us an idea of time and effort associated with using the building fund for purposes other than originally designated should that option arise.

Redemption Housing

- It should be noted that we are expecting to payout a \$15,000 matching grant to Redemption Housing this coming year as approved in a congregational meeting this past spring. The time frame is 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 March 22, 2017 at 7:15 PM