

West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship  
Deacon Meeting Minutes, January 23, 2019, 7:00 PM

In Attendance: Carol Buhrman, Jeff Knightly, Rebecca Weber

### **Minutes**

The minutes from December 19 were approved as recorded.

### **Financials**

Income 100.5%, Expenses 94.6%, ended the year with a surplus of \$8,600!!!

### **Offering**

Carol will count February, Rebecca will count March, Carol will count April, Jeff will count May.

### **Custodian**

Things generally going more smoothly with sound setup and other custodian duties. Jeff will talk with Maggie and Emma to ask about why the mic is left off before the service and also will remind that they should let current deacons know if they are not able to do setup.

### **Computers**

Rebecca checked in with Lorie and her computer is about the same. The budget included money for a new computer, so perhaps it is time to replace it. Rebecca will talk to Lorie about any particular requests for a new one.

### **2019 Budget**

The budget passed at the congregational meeting on Sunday! There was discussion about whether we can meet a 4% increase and how we can increase giving. Rebecca will make an announcement on Sunday so those who didn't attend the meeting know the budget was passed and we have a 4% increase. Lorie suggested using an Everence workshop. We think this is a good idea. Jeff will follow up with Lorie and potentially talk with Everence if that is helpful.

### **Payroll Company Change**

We are moving forward with changing to a new payroll company. We expect to save money on payroll service fees, possibly up to \$1,500 for the year. Rebecca and Dorianna sent the paperwork to the new company to get it set up. Rebecca to review first payroll run carefully to make sure it is correct.

### **Nursery Update**

Someone was painting and cleaning in the nursery and it looks like he may be done. Hopefully we will hear from Kari soon.

### **Building Search Update**

Jeff contacted 46<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist church at 46<sup>th</sup> and Woodland. Hasn't heard back yet. Carol will follow up with Lorie about choosing a date to worship at the Common Place and potentially talking with Partners for Sacred Places about location options. Lorie said on Saturday that she would check in with Renewal Presbyterian on 47<sup>th</sup> & Cedar.

Next meeting scheduled for February 21 at 7 PM.