
MINUTES OF THE DIACONATE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GLENS FALLS
MAY 12, 2009
7 PM

In Attendance: Julia Farenell, Nancy Holmes, Bob Addison, Caspar Green, Shirley Clark, Marie Ross, Tegan Whiting, Kathie McCoy, Tammy and Bill Jones.

1. **Call to Order:** Caspar led the group in prayer.
2. **Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes were reviewed individually. Julia made a motion that the minutes be accepted as reviewed and Shirley seconded the motion.
3. **Reports:**
 - a. **Care Team:** Caspar reported on the following individuals that the Care Team is aware of: Neil Leonelli's memorial service will be on May 29th in Canton. An Open House will take place in his home on May 30th. Services for Marie Heide will probably take place during the week of June 13th. Jerri S. is supposed to come home soon, if she isn't there already. Barb C. had an infection after shoulder surgery and then suffered an allergic reaction to antibiotics. She is home now, and there is no one else in the hospital at this time that we know of.
 - b. **Christian Ed. Team:** Kathie reported that the curriculum "Seasons of the Spirit" will be used again next year.

Kathie mentioned that Carol C. has been working in the crib room when needed most recently, and Kathie is thinking of asking her if she would like to be the crib room organizer as she needs someone to take care of getting volunteers to be in there on Sunday mornings.

Children's Sunday is on June 14th this year. The youth class would like to put on some type of skit for the congregation and the multi-age class will sing. The theme this year is "Baptist Youth World Day of Prayer."

- c. **Missions Team:** Julia reported that she received a packet of information on many different topics. The Outdoor Ministry is looking for a paid staff for the Pathfinder Camp. There was also paperwork to be directed towards the men's group (which does not meet at this time) stating that there is a Men's Gathering at Keuka College on August 7-9th.

There has been no further discussion among the members of the Mission Team as to future Mission Moments. We will table discussion regarding the decision about one more needed Mission Moment until our next meeting.

On May 24th we will be having a service with missionary Rev. Rick Barnes. Caspar sent out 46 post cards to various churches to invite people to the planned dinner with the missionary on the 23rd. He has received no responses as of yet and 2 were returned as 'undeliverable.' The agenda for Saturday is for the missionary to speak from 4:30 - 5:30, with a break before the 6 PM dinner. Dave Fisher is looking for volunteers for helping him in the kitchen. The next day there will be a cake in the Fellowship Hall following the Sunday service with the missionary as our speaker.

- d. **Worship Team:** It was reported that Pentecost Sunday is on May 31st.

Shirley mentioned that they need to add more the visitor cards to the pews. Caspar wants to revise these cards to add a line asking visitors "How did you hear about our church?" He mentioned that he was able to get money donated to buy 6 months of 12 second radio spots on the WAMC public radio station out of Albany (90.3). Our web site will also be automatically linked to their web site. He also mentioned that we now know where to order our church signs hoping that these will be another way for people to find their way to us.

- e. **Ancillary Reports:** There was mention made that the Open Door is on May 22nd. Tegan reported that the youth are going to Pathfinder this weekend for a retreat with approximately 25 other church groups.
- f. **Trustees:** Bill reported that that their main topic of discussion during their meeting last week involved discussions on the building and grounds. He mentioned that he will be working with Dave Fisher on railings, doors and floors. (See the web site for further information on the past meeting on May 5th).

4. **Old Business:** Things are still in the works for the church's anniversary special events include a possible peace event and a talk by Jon Hildreth on a theme of pop culture and religion. This topic needs more development before it is ready.

5. **New Business:**

- a. Vacation Bible School – a couple of people have expressed interest in holding VBS this year. Caspar stated that if we have enough of an interest to support a large enough staff, the Lighthouse Bookstore is willing to work with us to pull together a curriculum for the children. At this time, it seems that so many individuals are scheduled for surgeries or will be otherwise occupied this summer that it was decided that perhaps we could look toward to having VBS next summer instead.
- b. Outreach – Kathie asked for new ideas for outreach. Ideas included: having evenings to providing different musical entertainment to draw people into the church, asking the musical group Isaiah to perform, checking out regional softball teams, sponsoring a Little League team and getting our name on their team shirts, advertising and providing strawberry shortcakes or make-your-own sundaes during the downtown concerts in the park. By consensus the

Diaconate agreed to pursue the latter idea this summer. Further discussion involved different ways for us to collect donations for various groups such as the Homeless Youth Coalition and other local charities FBC supports at the same time as reaching out into the public and inviting people in.

- c. Marie will stand-in for Kathie next month in her absence.
6. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:10. The next meeting will be on June 9th at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Jones