

MDPC Deacon Meeting

More care, for more people, in more ways

January 12, 2025

Minutes

Attendees:

Judy Stockton	Andy Udden	Paul Whelchel	Trey McAfee
Suzanne Tobin	John LaCarter	Sue Warren	Nancy Powell
Barbara Mueller	David Kemper	Bob Larson	Harry Tallichet
Christine Gentil	Olga Griffin	Terral Cesak	Beth Case
Beverly Fluke	Christine Roskamp	Mary Chris Peterson	

Absent:

Judy Gordon	Maria Galvan	Jim Newlin	Sarah Kilgore
Rodrigo Grassano	Edneia Moreira		

ACTION ITEMS:

- Trey McAfee: Add to Welcome Team Sign Up Genius (from Tracy) - **Completed**

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- I. Welcome & Prayer: Judy Stockton
 - II. Update: Judy Stockton
 - A. Minutes from the October 2024 meeting will be delivered separately
 - B. Friendsgiving (November 2024) was a great success
 - i. Recognized outgoing Deacons
 - ii. Welcomed incoming Deacons
 - iii. Wonderful food & fellowship
 - III. Introductions: Nancy Powell
 - A. Request to Complete Deacon Survey
 - B. Individual Introductions
 - i. This was a wonderful opportunity to get to know one another outside of our church commitments. People shared their professional backgrounds, personal / family life, and hobbies.
 - IV. Opportunities & Announcements: Beverly Fluke
 - A. Officer Retreat: January 24-25, 2025 (*please register*)
 - B. Welcome Team & Communion (*volunteer opportunities*)
 - i. Tracy Stidham sent out the links to Deacons (Sign Up Genius)
 - C. Hot Topics (Judy Stockton): Thursday, January 16th (Tim Mavergeorge)
 - D. Women's Ministry
 - i. Women Together: January 23, 2025 @ 6:30pm
 - ii. Women's Retreat: February 7-9, 2025

- E. Men's Ministry
 - i. Focus: One on One Conversations (Tuesdays in February in the morning)
- F. Food Services: Andy is partnering with the different ministry areas to see how food services can help them and be a part of their ministry.
 - i. Preschool kids setting the tables
 - ii. Children's choir performing during all church lunch
 - iii. Outreach videos being shown during meals
 - iv. Providing new members with a free meal
- V. Christian Formation: Beth Case
 - A. Beth provided deacons with Job Descriptions
 - i. Living document that can be edited as the job evolves
 - B. Who are you at home? Work? Life? Church?
 - i. We are here because of who we are (God given talent and leading from the Holy Spirit)
 - ii. We are more about the WHO than the job.
 - C. Responses to Alf's sermon *Secret Service* from the group
 - i. Being humble or anonymous in our service.
 - ii. You cannot force your place in service; it is something that comes naturally.
 - iii. Following your calling brings JOY
 - iv. Conviction of "approval" seeking mentality
 - v. Be careful with the constructive criticism
 - vi. No approval equal to God's approval
 - D. Practicing the Way – *Be with Jesus, Become Like Him, Do as He did* by John Mark Comer
 - i. An apprentice of Jesus: End goal to grow and mature into the kind of person Jesus is
 - 1. We must hang out with Jesus to become more like Him.
 - 2. It is who you are, not how you get the task done
 - E. Break out into small groups for discussion about your Deacon rule
 - i. What?
 - ii. How?
 - iii. Who?
- VI. Closing Prayer: In small groups
- VII. Next Meeting: March 2, 2025

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Powell on January 15, 2025.