

Hiddenwood Presbyterian Church
Minutes of Stated Diaconate Meeting
June 16, 2021

I. Opening

The Stated Meeting of the Diaconate of Hiddenwood Presbyterian Church was held on June 16, 2021. Libby Bowman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Paige Crowther opened with a devotional. Motion to approve the minutes from the May meeting by Bill Espich and seconded by Chris Manry. Motion passed.

In attendance

Libby Bowman	Robert Parry	Debbie Carrithers	Bill Sharkey
Paige Crowther	Melanie White	Gay Huffman	
Chris Manry	Jodie Bayne	Bill Espich	
Reverend Charles Tucker			

Not Present

Dan Tomblin (Ex) Ben Norfleet (Ex) Hilary Spencer (Ex)

II. New Business

Art Camp June 28th-July 2nd
Church office closed July 5th
Red Cross Blood Drive July 13th
Vacation Bible School July 19-23

III. Committee Reports

A. Mission – Bill Espich

The Mission Committee met via email this month.

1. A Rise Against Hunger event took place on Saturday, June 12th. More than 70 volunteers from our congregation and the community participated in packaging more than 17,716 meals in less than 2 hours. With the relaxing of some of pandemic policies for packaging events, Don Kane has made contact with other churches that might be interested in sharing an event which would allow Hiddenwood to offer its facility more frequently and not wear out our limited volunteer pool. We are anticipating a second event sometime this year.
2. Thank you to Don Kane for planning and executing this event and to our many church and community volunteers that participated in the Rise Against Hunger Event; especially those that stepped aside to make room for our guest volunteers from outside our church.
3. The Market for Mission set up is planned for July 24th-30th and the sale will be a one-day event on July 31st. Clean up will be the following week giving the congregation time to peruse the market. Larger items are being sold on Facebook Market Place all the time.
4. The Fall Festival will have pumpkins arrive October 10th and pumpkin sales will be October 10th-31st and the Fall Festival date is October 16th.

5. Shoes continue to arrive for THRIVE. We delivered another 125 pairs of shoes on June 11th. Thank you to church members for supporting this event.
 6. Hygiene kits were assembled and delivered along with many pairs of sneakers to the Presbytery office and their staff will deliver them to congregations on the Eastern Shore.
 7. The Pentecostal offering generated \$260 for children at risk. The Mission Committee moved to match that amount and donate \$520 to the Ruth Olney Scholarship Fund at Hidenwood Preschool.
- B. Food and Fellowship-Gay Huffman/Paige Crowther
The FF/CC committee did not meet this month.
1. Food and Fellowship
 - a. Sandwich ministry continues weekly for the Salvation Army. We are providing between 80-100 sandwiches each week.
 - b. We will be serving light refreshments for the service for Joe Block on Saturday June 19th
 - c. The committee will be planning a reception to celebrate the installation of the new pastor at some point as well as a farewell reception for Rev. Charles Tucker.
 2. Congregational Care
 - a. The committee continues to touch base with our Homebound members and members in facilities via calling, visiting and sending cards.
- C. Property - Chris Manry
The Property Committee did not meet this month.
1. Belinda's Report
 - a. We received two estimates for the trimming of some trees and the removal of several others. We have decided to award the job to Trees R Us. They are scheduled to start and complete the work on June 21st. Two new P-tac units for preschool room 207 have been ordered from Masters Mechanical. They will be installed when they arrive. The preschool is going to help with the cost. Also, the filters in the HVAC units of the church have been replaced by Masters Mechanical.
 2. Ken Koehler's Report:
None
 3. Committee Members Report:
 - a. Paige and Bob spent the evening of June 1st picking up debris and trimming low hanging branches on some of the trees on the grounds. Robert Parry did his usual great job of keeping the grass cut and trimmed. Neal and Chris spent the entire day of June 10th replacing the lights in the Fellowship Hall and the chandelier in the entrance. Chris also repaired the slate outside the Fellowship Hall entrance the previous week.
 4. Action Items:
 - a. June 21st is the day scheduled for the tree trimming and removal. Belinda will oversee the project with the help of Bill and Jimmie Espich.
 5. Items for Session: None

- D. Evangelism & Communications – Melanie White and Ben Norfleet
The Evangelism/Communications Committee met via email this month.
- a. The committee worked with Barbara Adams to update the guidelines for Church Greeters.
 - b. The committee met with Barbara Adams and Carey Gerstner to continue to seek out possible activities/ideas for reaching out to the community.
 - c. The committee is compiling possible motivational messages for the LED sign.
 - d. Barbara Adams continues to put out the *Hidenwood Herald* as well as the *News You Can Use* to help keep members updated on events and happenings within the church.

IV. Old Business
None

V. Pastor Report – Reverend Charles Tucker

- A. Reported on attendance for both in person and online worship. We continue to maintain a healthy attendance at the online worship. Discussed possibly posting statistics for in person and online worship attendance in the *News You Can Use*.
- B. Investigating other possible hosts for our online services due to some YouTube policies.
- C. Joe Block's service is 2 pm, this Saturday, June 19th and Jan Mattern's service is Friday, July 30th at 11 am.
- D. Sunday Seminar has finished for the summer
- E. Planning for the transitioning of new pastor and considering opportunities for future callings.

VI. Rejoicing & Weeping

- A. Rejoicing for new pastor and weeping as Rev. Charles Tucker prepares to leave.
- B. Ken Koehler is still waiting to hear about surgery for his eye. Please keep him in your prayers.
- C. Libby Bowman's cousin, Sam Stroud, had surgery on his prostate and has had post-operative complications and may need more surgery. Prayers for no further surgery and healing.
- D. Ann Goslee lost both parents in the last several months. She has been taking care of them for some time. Prayers for comfort.
- E. Appreciation for continued prayers for Bill Espich's granddaughter and family as she continues to do well and is nearing the end of a year's worth of chemotherapy.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Bill Espich closed the meeting with prayer. Chris Manry motioned to adjourn, and it was seconded by Debbie Carrithers. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie White, Secretary