

**Hiddenwood Presbyterian Church
Minutes of Stated Diaconate Meeting
July 21, 2021**

I. Opening

The Stated Meeting of the Diaconate of Hiddenwood Presbyterian Church was held on July 21, 2021. Bill Espich called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Hilary Spencer opened with a devotional. Motion to approve the minutes from the June meeting by Chris Manry and seconded by Robert Parry. Motion passed.

In attendance:

Robert Parry	Hilary Spencer	Bill Sharkey	Bill Espich
Melanie White	Chris Manry	Jodie Bayne	

Not Present :

Ben Norfleet (Ex)	Debbie Carrithers	Libby Bowman (Ex)	Ben Norfleet
Gay Huffman (Ex)	Paige Crowther (Ex)	Dan Tomblin	

II. New Business:

The Diaconate meeting on August 18th was discussed. Diaconate does not usually meet in August. It was agreed that an email will go out on August 9th to confirm or cancel the meeting based on number that can attend and if needed.

III. Committee Reports

A. Mission – Bill Espich

The Mission Committee did not meet this month.

1. The Market for Mission set up is planned for July 24th-30th and the sale has been extended from a one-day event on July 31st to a week event running July 31st -August 7th. Clean-up will be the following week after the congregation is given one last time to peruse the market. Larger items are being sold on Facebook Market Place.
2. 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. Misti Stowell is the festival coordinator. Bill Sharkey and Bill Espich are trying to organize the pumpkin sales team. (Volunteers needed)
3. Watch for announcements concerning school supplies for the children at Hiddenwood Elementary School. The collection is pending due to coordination with the school administration.
4. THRIVE reported that Hiddenwood Presbyterian has contributed over 357 lbs. of food (approximately 298 meals) and has given over 31 volunteer hours.

B. Food and Fellowship-Gay Huffman/Paige Crowther

The FF/CC committee did not meet this month.

1. Food and Fellowship

- 1.Sandwich ministry continues weekly for the Salvation Army. We are providing between 80-100 sandwiches each week.
- 2.We had a small reception for the Mason Memorial Service.

3. Committee members are assisting with VBS this week.
 4. 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.
 5. We have been contacted by St. Andrews Episcopal to potentially help them with PORT this coming January for a two-week period. Belinda will be contacting them to find out what they have in mind for us in the way of supporting them.
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 met on July 13th.
1. Belinda's Report
 - a. The ceiling in the bathroom behind the sanctuary needs to be repaired. The cause is probably a clogged gutter which has been cleared. We are looking at capping the gutter before fixing the ceiling. Some of the brick areas around the church need to be power washed. Bush trimming is also needed. The bricked walkway in the courtyard needs to be sprayed for weeds. Also, the sanctuary and McKeithen Hall need to be set up for Jan Mattern's memorial service on July 30th. Two new P-tac units have been ordered for preschool room 207 which will be the first-grade classroom this year. The roofing company finally fixed the leaks over the men's bathroom near the Narthex. Now, we can repair and repaint the wall.
 2. Chris Manry's Report:
 - a. Since the leaks seem to be repaired, I will start fixing the bathroom wall this week. The process will take at least a week, hopefully to be done by July 30th. The trim boards outside the fellowship hall need to be sanded and repainted. Belinda is to buy the paint and I will get the work done by the end of August. Also, I still plan to paint the outside grilles on the second floor as soon as Neal and I can coordinate a time to use the lift.
 3. Committee Members Report:
 - a. Bob and Paige have been relentless in picking up the grounds weekly. Paige has been spraying for weeds and will spray the playground as soon as the time is right. Robert Parry has kept up the grass cutting and trimming. He has also committed to spraying the weeds in the courtyard this week or next. On July 14th, I trimmed the bushes in the front of the church and on the side next to McKeithen Hall
 4. Action Items:
 - a. Repair and repaint the wall in the men's bathroom. Chris Manry will take care of that. Set up the Sanctuary and McKeithen Hall for the memorial service on July 30th. Chris, Ken and Neal will set up on July 29th and put everything back the afternoon after the service. As soon as

Belinda purchases the paint, Chris will repaint the trim boards outside the Fellowship Hall, probably sometime in August.

5. Items for Session: None

- D. Evangelism & Communications – Melanie White and Ben Norfleet
The Evangelism/Communications Committee did not meet this month.
1. The committee continues to seek out possible activities/ideas for reaching out to the community.
 2. The committee did update and send out the guidelines for Church Greeters with the assistance of Barbara Adams.
 3. 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. Both In person and Online attendance for Sunday service continues to maintain its numbers
- B. June 19th -Joe Block Funeral Service July 30th-Jan Mattern Funeral Service with Bill Lamont
- C. Rev. Charles Tucker's last Sunday is August 15th and Reverend Andrew Whitehead's first Sunday is September 19th

VI. Rejoicing & Weeping

- A. Prayers for Libby Bowman, who is ill, to feel better.
- B. Prayers for Gay Huffman for recovery from dental work.
- C. Charlie Spencer, who had surgery and was having complications, is beginning to improve but has a long road for recovery. Prayers for continued healing and wellness.
- D. David, Chris Manry's grandson, is getting ready to attend Denbigh Baptist Church School. Prayers for a successful school year.
- E. Bill Espich's granddaughter had an MRI with no evidence of cancer present and has completed the planned chemotherapy and everything looks good. Rejoicing and thankful for prayers.
- F. Ken Koehler had his last surgery and has recovered and his vision is pretty good. Continued prayers for healing and recovery.
- G. Prayers for Robert Parry's neighbor for healing from a blood disorder.
- H. Prayers for all those unknown requests and needs.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chris Manry closed the meeting with prayer. Hilary Spencer motioned to adjourn and it was seconded by Bill Sharkey. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie White, Secretary