

Hidenwood Presbyterian Church
Minutes of Stated Diaconate Meeting
March 16, 2022

I. Opening

The Stated Meeting of the Diaconate of Hidenwood Presbyterian Church was held on March 16, 2022, outside on the porch; due to the inability of Diaconate to get into the building. Libby Bowman has since acquired a building key, so Diaconate will always be able to get into the building. Libby Bowman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Debbie Carrithers opened with a devotional. Motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting was postponed due to lack of copies. The Motion to approve the minutes from February and March Diaconate meetings will be revisited at the April Diaconate meeting.

In Attendance:

Bill Sharkey	Libby Bowman	Jodie Bayne
Hilary Spencer	Bob Crowther	Gay Huffman
Bill Espich	Debbie Carrithers	Robert Parry

Not In Attendance :

Melanie White	Ben Norfleet	Rev. Andrew Whitehead
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II. New Business:

- A. It was proposed that an Action Form be sent to Session asking them to consider using some of the proceeds from the Spring Fling event to send aid to Ukraine. The Mission committee chair has also stated that he will inquire with his committee to consider supporting aid to the Ukraine.
- B. It was also proposed that the sign in the front of the church offer prayer support for Ukraine. The digital sign in front of the church has incorporated a slide asking for prayer for Ukraine.

III. Committee Reports

A. Mission – Bill Espich

The Mission Committee met via email this month.

- 1. Coming out of the shared efforts of Faith Formation and Mission committee to make an effective connection with Hidenwood Elementary School, the idea of a school garden is being explored. Interest seems to be building within the school staff. Nothing is firm at this point, but we continue to work together on this endeavor.
- 2. The support of conducting additional Blood Drives was passed along but arrived too late to schedule an extra drive in February. To make matters more frustrating, this week's blood drive was cut short because of the Red Cross having computer difficulties which prevented logging in donors and recording data. The committee will continue to try to work with the Red Cross to organize future events.
- 3. Several weeks ago, there was an announcement that THRIVE was looking for volunteers that could pick up the donated produce from Food Lion on Oyster

Point to be used by the organization. Several folks responded. Mission Committee and THRIVE are very appreciative

4. Last week, Mission Committee announced in the News You Can Use that a new opportunity for community outreach had been explored and recommended by a Hidenwood member. The program is called “Lasagna Love” and it matches volunteer cooks/delivery folks with a recipient that has requested a meal through their website. The committee is encouraging Deacons to encourage members to participate. There is a possibility of working in teams for this cause offered by the church.
5. Faith Formation and the Mission Committee are meeting tomorrow with Hidenwood Elementary School Family and Community Engagement Specialist, Lauren Hunter. We are trying to expand the Books on Bikes program which unfortunately was cancelled for this Saturday and rescheduling for May 14th. Carey Gerstner, Lauren Hunter and Bill Espich will meet to discuss details.

B. Food and Fellowship-Gay Huffman/Jodie Bayne
The FF/CC committee did not meet this month.

1. Food and Fellowship
 1. The Committee provided two meals for Barbara Adam’s family whose father passed away on February 9th.
 2. A policy on serving food inside the church building has been sent to Session for approval.
 3. The sandwich Ministry for the Salvation Army continues weekly on Wednesdays.
 4. There will be an Easter breakfast in McKeithan Hall at 9am on Easter Sunday.
2. Congregational Care
 - a. Members of the Congregational Care Committee received an updated homebound list from Barbara Adams.
 - b. The committee will send Easter cards to the homebound.

C. Property - Bob Crowther
The Property Committee met March 8th.

1. Belinda’s Report
 - a. We have contracted for work to be done in the Fellowship Hall from July 25th to September 2nd.
 1. July 25th-August 5th- Asbestos abatement and Air Monitoring by Waco/Applied Laboratory Services.
 2. August 8th-12th- Exterior Windows and Interior and Exterior Doors Installation by Patrick’s Glass and Goodman’s.
 3. August 15th-19th- Painting walls in the Hall and Foyer by Doug Scoggins Paint and Wallpaper.
 4. August 22nd-September 2nd- Installation of Floor in the Fellowship Hall by Recreation Plus.

2. Chris's Report:
 - a. Chris Manry was able to change the two-exterior light bulbs over the Northern entrance to the Narthex. These bulbs have not been changed in quite a while and it has made quite a difference.
 - b. The closer for the door to the Ladies Room near the entrance has been replaced by Patrick's Glass.
 - c. Chris Manry is also investigating a blinking exterior light in the parking lot outside the Fellowship Hall.
 3. Bob's Report:
 - a. Paige and Bob Crowther picked up and disposed of approximately 7 truckloads of Abelia and sticker bush branches. Thanks to Jimmie and helpers for their pruning efforts these past 3 weeks.
 - b. Bob Crowther reset bricks that Belinda pointed out were popping out in the covered driveway on the Hiden Blvd. side. We will look at releveling all the bricks in this area, once we have eliminated the mole that is un-leveling them.
 4. Action Items:
 - a. Prep for the Easter Egg Hunt in the courtyard. The committee plans to cut and mulch the grass and leaves and spread the clippings around the bushes. We will also straighten up the area and fill in the depression near the northwest corner. Bob and Paige have tentatively volunteered to work on this on April 9th.
 - b. In preparation for the work in the Fellowship Hall, on July 9th the committee will clean/replace as necessary the overhead lights and prep the walls for painting.
 - c. The committee has purchased the replacement pull down attic stairs for behind the sacristy. Bob and Paige Crowther will investigate the installation.
 - d. The committee continues to try to figure out a plan for cleaning the gutters.
 - e. Neal and Bob continue to investigate the solar activated lights under the overhead awning on the Hiden Blvd. side that no longer work.
 5. Items for Session: None
- D. Evangelism & Communications – Melanie White and Ben Norfleet
The Evangelism/Communications Committee did not meet this month.
1. Barbara Adams continues to send out the *Hidenwood Herald* and the *News You Can Use* to help keep members updated on events and happenings within the church.
 2. The committee approved Barbara Adams ordering new visitor folders with the personal imprinting of Hidenwood Presbyterian Church. The cost will be a little over \$200 for 100 folders.
 3. Barbara Adams is sending out daily reminder and prayers for the Lenten season to members via email from "Full to the Brim".

IV. Old Business
None

V. Pastor Report
None

VI. Rejoicing & Weeping

A. Please keep the following in your prayers, Martha Bott's mother, Gloria, and Jennifer Runyan's father, Bill Muir.

B. Prayers for all those unknown requests and needs.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Robert Parry closed the meeting with prayer. Debbie Carrithers motioned to adjourn, and it was seconded by Libby Bowman. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie White, Secretary