**Minutes for Deacons Meeting, April 8, 2018**

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**Deacon Sign in and Fellowship: 6:15- 6:30**

**Call Meeting to order: 6:30 – Steve Kirby**

**Opening Prayer – Jerry Tyler**

**Welcome & Opening Remarks – Steve Kirby**

* **March minutes approval –** Minutes were approved as distributed.
* **Additional help for the Congregational Care Team –** Please offer to help this team, especially with hospital visitations
* **Food for Summer Meetings** – The hospitality team will be coordinating the deacon lunch prior to the meetings in May, June, and August. To pay for these three lunches, a total amount of $20 will be taken at the deacon meeting on May 6.
* **Other Announcements**

Jane Range – The reception for the Tylers will be on Saturday, April 28, from 2:00-5:00, with a special presentation occurring at 3:30. There will be one worship service at 10:45 on April 29, which is the Tylers last Sunday before retirement.

Elwin Gaissert – The Golf tournament for missions is happening on June 4, at Brookfield Country Club. The deacons will be asked to donate money to this event at the deacon meeting on May 6.

Dave Pearson – The Personnel Committee is recommending the hiring of an Intern for Young Adults. This would be a part time position, 12-15 hours per week, and would begin in May for approximately one year. The intern would be working with both Jessica and Robert, and would work with young college aged students as well as young couples.

**Minister of Spiritual Development Search Update- Darryl Robinson –** Carmen Skaggs is the chair of this search committee. Resumes were solicited from several sources, and almost 70 applications were received and reviewed. The search committee has narrowed these resumes down to approximately 18 candidates, and they are currently in the process of reaching out to these candidates to determine their interested level.

**Music Minister Search Update – Rita Loadholt –** Members of this search committee include Whitney Appenfelder, Wes Blalock, Tanya Corbett, Patrick Dodson, Jennifer Gilbert, Miriam Jones, Romieyn Jason, Brian Mackay, Joe Murdock, Bruce Paulk, Addison Turnbull, Fran White, and Rita Loadholt, chairperson. The first task of this committee has been to determine the needs and wants of the church in regards to the minister of music. Nathan Jones shared with the search committee the comments from the listening sessions that were held previously. Some of the attributes of the ideal candidate could include 34+years in age, 5-10 years experience, both choral and instrumental experience, a seminary degree, comfortable with women in ministry, and work experience with all age groups. The publicity for this open position will begin right away, and will continue through the end of June. Resumes will be accepted during that time, and the top candidates identified. Rita will continue to update the deacon membership.

**Church Safety Action Plan Update- Chris Rowe** – The security assessment has been completed, and was presented to Chris just prior to the deacon meeting on April 8. Chris will make a full presentation to the deacons at a later date, after he has had time to thoroughly read the assessment.

**Outreach Team Update- Sheldon Fisher** – Information was made available regarding the Trolley Ambassador for the Alive in Roswell events. All security will be provided by Safe Ride. Our members would serve as ambassadors only. Please contact Sheldon for further information.

**Congregational Care Team Update- Candy White –** This team serves members in our church who are in crisis and need, especially those in the hospital, nursing home, and homebound members. There are currently over 70 members in homebound and assisted living, and additional help is needed to visit and take care of these needs.

**Prayer Requests and Closing Prayer- Penny**

**Service Team Breakouts- all are dismissed once individual teams have completed discussions**

**Minister Updates:**

**Tyler –** Reminder of concert next Sunday, April 15, at 3:00. Both the choir and the orchestra will be performing.

**Jessica** - We had 69 children here for Parents’ Night Out in March! We had over 3,000 eggs for the East egg hunt- thank you for your donations! We have Family Putt Putt on Saturday, April 14th, the Mother Daughter Tea on Thursday, May 10th, our next Date Night on Saturday, May 12th, and VBS is June 11th-15th. The theme is Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus. If you would like to volunteer, please see Jessica.

**Robert** - Hope Roswell Mission of the Month, April-Saturday April 14th from 10:30 am till 4 pm at Mimosa Elementary School. We ask for volunteers and prayers to help serve food to individual families. About Hope Roswell, it serves the Roswell Community by partnering with local churches, Rotarians, businesses and organizations to provide basic needs and services to underprivilege neighborhoods. Part of our mission is to have conversations with community members who don’t always feel connected, creating relationships, and bringing our neighbors together. Along with myself, Dr. Head, Dr. Doyle, Larry Feldman, and 6 others who have signed up to serve we encourage other deacons to join us for this day of service. We will be serving food.

March Mission Madness report-The month of March our youth served in Rome Georgia. 34 young people and six adults attended and we joined nearly two hundred young people from churches across the state. Over the course of the weekend, they worked alongside their peers to serve the community of Rome. The attitude of service our youth exhibited is inspiring and hopeful, and we are incredibly proud as a church family to call these service-minded individuals our own.

Our youth had a fund raiser for mission and parents provided bake goods for donations. On Sunday April 25th during the talented show. We raised over $766.00 dollars thanks to our generous church family for supporting the youth program and adults who baked the goods.

Youth Alive; High School Youth are going through the Bible Study on Tim Tebow on Sunday nights, thanks to Angie and Barry Hensley for leading this group.

Middle School Bible study still meets on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm-7:30 pm thanks to Hailey Fuller and Addison Turnbull for leading this group.

Golf cart ministry just purchased a gas 6 seater golf cart that is used by our church to transport members from their car to the building on Sundays. If you would like to be a part of this ministry contact Robert.

Ushers are needed to serve for the both services, if you would like to find out more about being an usher contact Robert.

Meetings coming up on April 15th- Noon Haiti Mission Trip we have 18 people signed up, 4:30 pm for Alaska Mission trip on same Sunday, we have 46 signed up to attend.

Ushers meeting on Sunday April 22nd at 5 pm.