

Minutes for Deacons Meeting, January 6, 2019

Sign in and Fellowship: 6:15 – 6:30

Call Meeting to Order: 6:30 - Marc Walley

Opening Prayer – Dr. Head

Welcome and Opening Remarks – Marc Walley

- **November 2018 Minutes Approval** – Minutes were approved as distributed.
- **Overview of Deacon Ministry Teams**
 - 3rd year of having teams
 - Good momentum coming into 2019
 - Opportunity for the Deacons to contribute to the Church and surrounding community.
 - New and returning Deacons have completed their spiritual gifts inventory.
- **Jessica's recent engagement was noted and approved.**

State of the Church – Dr. Head

Dr. Head presented his State of the Church, outlining where we are and what God is doing in our Church as well as where He is leading us. 2018 was a great year for FB Roswell and we were blessed by:

- I. 2 new ministers, Logan Carpenter and Brian Childers. 2 different search committees worked hard to locate, interview and bring on board.
- II. Strategic Plan, which was created in 2016 only has 2 items left to be completed and they are both underway. Some highlights.
 - a. Technology improvements will be overseen by Wes Blalock and some IT needs are being outsourced. New phone system installed.
 - b. Lauren has done a great job getting the new website, new information center and a new publication (included with bulletin this Sunday) which will come out every two months.
- III. Building Usage Study should be back from Architect in March or April. Then it will go to the Future Development committee for discussion and recommendations of what suggestions to pursue. Two additional items added to plan.
 - a. Interior design/renovation of Sanctuary.
 - b. Bathroom renovation/expansion for facilities across from gym.
- IV. Missions were activity supported by Church.
 - a. Church supported missions financially through Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong, etc.
 - b. Hands on mission work done by teams from FB Roswell – A.O., Haiti, Kenya and Alaska.
 - c. B.O.W. – going into 3rd year. 2018 provided roughly 1,000 hours of volunteer service from our members.
 - d. Participated in Alive Roswell.
- V. Discipleship
 - a. Men's mentoring program

- b. Women's Bible Study
- c. Partnership with Mercer University for theology classes.
- VI. Deacon Ministry via the teams made impact through the following means.
 - a. Hospital and nursing home visits
 - b. Prayer list
 - c. Service projects
 - d. Welcoming teams
 - e. Participation in local events such as Alive Roswell and John Roseman seminar.
- VII. Financially
 - a. 2017 received approximately \$2.1million toward budget.
 - b. 2018 received approximately \$2.2 million towards budget. Record giving level and it does not include giving for designated or restricted funds, missions or to the Foundation.

Looking ahead to 2019.

- I. Some open projects that will be completed.
 - Strategic plan started in 2016 will be completed.
 - The member directory will be done and published.
 - Decisions will be made on a building plan to improve our facilities.
- II. A new strategic Plan will begin to be developed to be implemented in 2020 and completed by 2022 to coincide with the 150th anniversary of FB Roswell.
- III. Want to focus on greater operational efficiency. Chris Rowe to assist Dr. Head
- IV. Community of Promise – want to start this in 2019, in a sense an extension of B.O.W. Join with sister churches on Mimosa.
- V. Name Dr. Ron Bradley, our former Pastor, as Pastor Emeritus. This is a way to build a more active relationship with Dr. Bradley, who still attends our Church and is utilized in various capacities.
 - a. Dr. Head opened floor for discussion, motion made and seconded without delay to move ahead with this. Vote taken, passed unanimously.

Discussion/Questions from Floor

- I. Request for restrooms in Choir area be renovated
- II. Question if the new member directory will be printed and bound or only on-line. (Both)

Beyond Our Walls Update – Jeff Jennings

Jeff provided preliminary information, date set for February 9, 2019. Projects so far include:

- City of Roswell – Leita Thomson Park
- Public Schools – 3 locations this year
- Assisted Living – 8 to 10 are plan to visit
- 4 non-profits
- Outdoor projects/light construction – working with Zion Baptist for potential assistance to some of their older members.

Deacons strongly encouraged to participate, there's something for everyone. Striving for 100% participation. We need to promote the event and get sign-ups earlier. Sign up via website, information center or see Jeff. Looking for help for Jeff organizing the on campus activities.

Prayer Requests and Closing Prayer – Arnold Eaves

Service Team Breakouts – all are dismissed once individual teams have completed discussions.