

Minutes for Deacons Meeting, March 3, 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

- **February 2019 Minutes Approval** – Minutes were approved as distributed.
- **Communion date changed to May 5, 2019**

Building & Space Update – Chris Rowe

Chris gave an update on the progress of the Building and space assessment. We have a signed contract with the architectural firm Smallwood, Reynolds, etc. to do the assessment. The project manager will be Jane Case, who is also an interior designer. She will have an assistant helping manage the project, Justin. Meetings began January 11, 2019 with Chris Rowe and Jane has been meeting with different ministers and managers (i.e. Keri, Wes, etc.).

- Focusing on how we use the space now and what are some ideas/wishes of how we could use in the future. Also using questionnaires to gather data.
- The architects are analyzing the data they have gathered and have requested additional information. They have also begun to take measurements in and around the building as well as review schematics and building plans/drawings.
- Bringing in specific teams to assess different areas.
- They will be looking at the Gym restrooms in conjunction with other work.

They have a roughly 4 week window to gather data and interview staff. The study includes the whole church but some specific areas are baptistry, gym restrooms and some other critical areas pointed out by Chris.

The next step will be to present their proposal and recommendations. The proposal will include expansion or additions if they believe they would be warranted. Completion date is schedule for the end of May.

Chris also discussed the church currently is getting quotes to remove the old A/C unit from the kitchen room and have a new flat roof installed due to ongoing leaks.

At the request of Jeff Jennings, Chris will give an update on the security assessment and what changes are being implemented and any future changes that are being planned. It was noted that the church has already received positive feedback from the preschool based on changes made in that area of the building.

Minister and Missions Update – Robert Turnbull

Robert discussed the “Disciple Now” weekend that just wrapped up. We had 5 homes involved and this years theme was “Pause”. Kids had to surrender their phones but they really dug in and got deep into the lessons. Jane Range shared that some of the youth in choir were talking about what they had learned and the impact it had made.

Upcoming Mission Opportunities

Mission to Port St. Joe – March 29 to April 2

Will be staying at St. James Episcopal Church with outdoor showers. The area was hit by a 13 ft storm surge and still has a lot of work to be done. The High school is closed and many of the houses have yet to be mucked out. We will be taking the construction trailer down and working Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Most of the first volunteers have left so Robert feels it is a good time to go.

Roswell Day of Hope - April 13, 2019

Volunteers needed, go to Church website to sign up via the link or visit WWW:hoperoswell.org. Larry Feldman gave details on event. From 12 – 4pm at Roswell City Hall, it is put on by a network of local churches, different denominations but all serving together. It is a way to serve through word and deed. They expect about 2,000 people to attend. There will be people there sharing their stories on issues such as anxiety, depression and other topics. Personal services will be offered to attendees and there will be an art project which will be displayed in City Hall. FBC Roswell will be providing medical services including medical screenings, dental products and chiropractic services.

Need volunteers for.

- Set-up and take down
- Food services
- Shoe team
- Translators
- Security
- Parking
- Clean-up

Dr. Head's comments

Dr. Head mentioned that FBCR has participated in Roswell Day of Hope, we had about 20 volunteers last year. The feel of the event is very similar to Beyond Our Walls.

He also mentioned the change in procedure for Deacon of Week to present the offertory prayer. Staff want the DOW to come up on the organ side as the offertory hymn begins. The DOW will stand in front

of Brian's chair or other empty chair on the organ side. When the offertory hymn ends, the DOW and Brian will exchange places at the podium.

Family Promise is off to a good start but there are still opportunities to serve available. He would like the Deacons to pray and consider serving in this area. He would like for the members of the different teams to feel free to serve in other areas, help one another out or get involved as you feel lead. He does not want the deacons to feel limited to only serving on/with their team.

For the coming year of Alive in Roswell, each minister will have a month to be involved.

Prayer Requests and Closing Prayer – Arnold Eaves

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