

Minutes for Deacons Meeting, April 9th, 2017
LOVESERVE....BUILD

Deacon sign in : 6:30

Call Meeting to order: 6:45 – Dave Wallis

Opening Prayer to Bless Food – Dr. Kevin Head

Welcome & Opening Remarks – Dave Wallis

Approval of the Minutes – Dave Wallis – March 5th, 2017 Meeting (Approved)

New Business for April 9th, 2017

- Kevin Head – Discussion on Deacons Responsibilities and Expectations

Ministry Staff – Update remarks:

- Kevin –
- Jessica – Parents' Night Out went well, we had 18 fathers and sons at Father/Son Bowling on March 18th. A Family outing is scheduled for April 22nd at SKYZONE. VBS planning is in full swing volunteers are needed.
- Tyler - A Great Easter musical is being planned / also the children's talent show this year was another great success.
- Robert – Don't forget Mission spaghetti fund raiser on April 23rd Sunday church participation is needed.is needed. Church Golf for missions is Monday June 5th sponsorship needed see Robert or Gene.
- Doyle - Hope for Grieving Children this spring starting April, 9th.

Kevin Discussion : Kevin – Handed out Deacon Responsibilities and Expectations – reviewed handout (see page two)

Key areas on handout: Exemplary relationship with Christ, Active Participation, Visible Leader and Positive support for ministers of the church.

Deacon of the week assignments reviewed.

Gene Kimbrell discussed June 5th, Golf for Missions Impact:

- Has raised 10's of thousands of dollars through its existence for all mission activities.
- This has been a strongest fundraisers for over 5 + years in the Church.
 - Larry Feldman, Mark Walley, Doug Ray asked to speak on their involvement with missions and support received.

Prayer Requests and Prayer – Steve Kirby

DEACON MEETING 4/09 DISCUSSION:

Responsibilities/Expectations of a Deacon at FBR

The position of Deacon is a sacred trust and responsibility, and much is expected of those who accept this calling. Deacons are servant leaders in the church who magnify Christ as they serve God.

Each deacon is called by God to serve, but God gifts individual deacons in a variety of ways. The focus of Deacon ministry then should always emphasize who a deacon is as much as what a deacon does. The following responsibilities/expectations are intended to serve as guidelines for all deacons with the realization that everyone who serves as deacon will develop his/her own method of service.

As a deacon, you are called to live and lead in the following ways:

1. Exemplary relationship with Jesus Christ

- Prayer, Bible study, worship, and service define the life of a deacon
- Model the integrity of Christ in all relationships (respect, sincerity, temperate, and honest)
- Commitment to spiritual growth
- Involved with missions and outreach to others

2. Active Participation

- Regular in attendance at worship, Bible studies, discipleship and missions/service opportunities
- Active participation on assigned Deacon Team and fulfill responsibilities of that team
- Serve as *Deacon of the Week* once each year (see responsibilities below)
- Attend monthly deacon meetings (70+%)

3. Visible leader

- Interpreter and supporter of the vision of ministry for First Baptist Roswell
- Serve as an informed influencer who promotes unity (a thermostat, not a thermometer)
- Visible and active role in church functions (ministries, programs, activities, etc.)
- Serve Communion at least twice each year

4. Positive support for ministers and church

- Loyal to the church, the pastor, this ministers, and the church's vision
- Energetic and enthusiastic supporter of the church ministries
- Financial giving to the church budget and to church mission activities (*a tithe of 10% should be the goal for all deacons*)

Deacon of the Week Assignments:

- (1) Lead the Offertory Prayer for the 8:30 am and 11:00 am worship services
- (2) Get visitor cards from the Usher Room and contact each visitor as soon as possible (Sunday afternoon/evening is preferable; Monday evening at the latest)
- (3) Return contact notes and visitor info to the church office Monday or Tuesday
- (4) Visit church members and prospects with the Pastor as needed