

Minutes for Deacons Meeting, November 5, 2017
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Deacon Sign in and Meal: 6:15

Call Meeting to order: 6:30 – Dave Wallis

Opening Prayer to Bless Food – Dr. Kevin Head

Welcome & Opening Remarks – Dave Wallis

- **New/returning deacon orientation (was held prior to meeting in the Joy House)**
- **October minutes approval**
- **Perfect attendance certificates – Randy Major**

Attendance Awards issued: David Cox, Sheldon Fisher, Michael Gilbert, Glenn Hegwood, David Ivey, Suzzane Ivey, Sandra Killebrew, Steve Kirby, Gene Mikell, and Dave Pearson

- **Drake House Christmas Party/Auction – Marc Walley invited Deacon Body to participate to raise needed funds.**
- **Minister updates (only announcements were for Holiday events which are posted on Church calendar)**

2018 Deacon Officer Election – Dave Wallis

- **Discussion and vote Steve Kirby, Marc Walley, Penny Kilpatrick**

Dave also discussed team structure for the Church:

1. Some team co-chairs will be rolling off next year, so please make preparations for nominating/electing next year's co-chairs
2. Some team members will be rolling off, please consider their existing roles and prepare for either replacement OR to maintain/continue their active participation on your team as an inactive deacon (commentary on that below)
3. Have you developed your team's "infrastructure" for continuing team members to utilize, for example:
 - a. A Strategic Plan for your team
 - b. Goals, timing of the goals, persons responsible for each goal step
 - c. A "database" for important documents, plans
 - d. Succession planning as your team roles into next year and now to incorporate your new team members from the new/returning deacons in January

Award presented to Dave Wallis from Dr. Kevin Head for being Chairman of Deacons 2017

Deacon Service Teams – Meet with your teams

Examples of our success:

- 1. Community Outreach**
- 2. Special Projects**

Consider:

- 1. Preparation for changes in team in 2018**
- 2. Continuity of strategy and execution through Nov-Dec-Jan-forward (no vacation!)**
- 3. Plan of expansion – next generation**
- 4. “Advertising”**

What We’ve Accomplished – Randy Major - Discussion on less paperwork during the meetings and push to make information available through the website. Website status was given and that a push is to have information available first of 2018. Strength of Deacon Body had been very helpful this year with the Auction, yard sale and March mission madness being a great success.

Closing Thoughts – Dave Wallis, Steve Kirby

Prayer Requests and Prayer – Steve Kirby

Minister Updates: None except for Holiday functions which are on the church calendar

DEACON MINISTRY TEAMS:

Deacon ministry at First Baptist Roswell is focused primarily on our Deacon Ministry Teams. These teams are encouraged to enlist members of the congregation to assist with their areas of service. Teams will record monthly progress and report periodically to the Deacon body during the monthly meetings.

- (1) **Congregational Care Team** – (gifts include *Teaching, Exhortation, Mercy, Knowledge, and Wisdom*). The objective of this team is to provide care for church members and those in our community during times of crisis and need. This team provides care through visits to hospitals, nursing homes, homebound visits, etc. and may also reach out to individuals/families with cards, phone calls, emails, and/or texts. These deacons may also decide to have team members serve as “on-call” deacons each week to respond to emergencies and other pastoral care needs. This team should also keep the ministerial staff informed of congregational care needs.
- (2) **Prayer Team** – (gifts include *Prophecy, Faith, and Discernment*). The objective of this team is to pray regularly and often for the church, its mission and purpose, the activities and program, as well as the needs of its people. This team can provide prayerful support by meeting each Sunday morning as a group to pray for the worship services and times of discipleship and Bible study. This team may also sponsor times of prayer for the entire church. Each member of this team is encouraged to pray daily for the church, the ministers, and the membership and to promote a life of prayer for all FBR members. The team may also want to contact the Congregational Care Team or the Service Team if they are aware of specific needs in the church or community.
- (3) **Service and Special Projects Team** – (gifts include *Service, Mercy, and Giving*). The objective of this team is to coordinate and provide hands-on service projects for people in the church and community. Members of this team offer assistance for special church events and/or programs at the church. These deacons can also provide practical acts of service for senior adults, widows/widowers, disabled individuals, and others who need assistance and care. This team is also responsible for transportation for those needing help getting to and from church.
- (4) **Hospitality Team** – (gifts include *Leadership, Mercy, and Service*). The objective of this team is to demonstrate hospitality and warmth to all guests and visitors at FBR. These deacons work with the ushers and others to welcome people attending church programs and direct guests to appropriate Sunday School classes and worship. This team should connect new members to others in the church and help new members become acclimated and find their place at FBR. The hospitality team also coordinates the golf cart ministry.
- (5) **Outreach/Community Team** – (gifts include *Wisdom, Leadership, and Exhortation*). The objective of this team is to lead the church in reaching out to our community through church events as well as community activities. These deacons should encourage the church to reach beyond our walls through participation in community events. This team can plan and organize activities for the church to extend our hospitality to the community.

Each team will have a designated leader for the calendar year. The leader will organize the Team around their mission, ensure the team is operating appropriately and efficiently, and report to the Deacon body twice each year on team activities and ministries. Time will be allocated in each monthly meeting for teams to meet and discuss their activities.

Team Members

Congregational Care - Co-Chairs - Sandra Killebrew / Ruth Johnson

Robbie Norman	Dave Pearson	Carol Feldman
Darlene Fuller	Tom Schneider	Sandra Killebrew
Ruth Johnson	Candy White	Nathan Jones
Steve Kirby	Barbara Kimbrell	

Prayer Team - Co-Chairs – Jane Turner / Joe Murdock

Frank Sexton	Jane Turner	Judy Paulk
Mike Deal	Fred Crigler	CV Dinsmore
Lester Wood	Joe Murdock	Cliff Wagner
Karen Whaley	Stan Cain	
Jane Range	Gene Mikell	

Service/Special Projects - Co-Chairs – Doug Ray / Duane Thacker

Duane Thacker	Elwyn Gaissert	Dan Elmore
Larry Feldman	Glen Hegwood	
Randy Major	Patrick Dodson	
Philip Mitchell	Barry Vlass	
Doug Ray	Nick Smith	

Hospitality - Co-Chairs – Michael Gilbert / David Cox

Daryl Robinson	Frank Pace	Peggy Davidson
David Cox	Philip Mitchell	Michael Gilbert
Gene Kimbrell	Norma Hawkins	Alan Range
	Elsie Kittrell	

Outreach/Community - Co-Chairs – Sheldon Fisher / Marc Walley

Dave Wallis	Sheldon Fisher	Marc Walley
Nancy Tolbert - Yilmaz	David Ivey	
Russ Johnson	Bruce Paulk	
Penny Kilpatrick	Bert Bean	
Scott Rodgers	Matt Pietsch	

Deacons Returning in 2018

**Armentrout, Mark
Baker, Steve
Brumbeloe, N D
Brumbeloe, Sandra
Eubanks, Omer, III
Freemna, Dora
Hensley, Angie
Hogue, Rodney
House, Eric
Jennings, Jeff
Jones, Helen
Loadholt, Tom
Loadholt, Rita
Prescott, Bettye
Smith, Dale
Taylor, Edwina
Tracey, Steve
Wagner, Cammy
Wes Blalock**