



Deacons' Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2025 at 6:30 pm

Call to Order (Sandy M.):

- 19 Deacons present

Prayer Requests/Praises (Deacons): Lift up these members in our prayers: Charlie Green; Vickey Heron; Jimmy Brewer; Bonnie Brewer; Maureen Mares; Thomas Register

Opening Prayer (Gary M.)

Two Minute Devotional (Howard R.)

- Read Acts 6; the origin story of Stephen and deacons
- Difference between apostles, disciples and deacons
- call to service for deacons especially regarding widows

Old Business:

1. Review of last meeting minutes
2. Church front door updates: still requested but expensive! (Pastor JJ)

New Business:

1. Church Calendar (**Sandy M.**): distribution of latest version
 - a. Good Friday event
 - b. Three Easter services
2. **Ken Derksen** will volunteered to perform the opening prayer and devotional for the May 2025 Deacons meeting
3. Cross display discussion (**Howard R.**)
 - a. Offer by North Shore Deacons to help replant the large outdoor cross on the Inez Faulkner ranch at FM1097 and Lake Mount Pleasant Road tabled due to pending sale of that property
 - b. Discussion of cross options for the North Shore Church FM1097 property edge tabled pending the planned design and placement of a new road side sign for our church

4. Communion adjustments (**Steven L.**):
 - a. May 2025 Communion prep reminder: **Tim Christ, Bob Shane**
 - b. Two tray distribution seems to be working well and will continue
5. Website for Deacons (**Howard R.**):
 - a. Have taken Google Docs technology about as far as we can; ease of use still lacking
 - b. Matt Etter volunteered to be our Deacons webmaster using SubSplash technology stack; SubSplash is what powers the church website and church electronic giving
 - c. While performing the creation of a Deacon web page, Matt was able to secure a cumulative two year rebate from SubSplash!
 - d. Brief demo of the Deacon web page was provided; simplicity of usage is the focus!
6. New building update (**Terry G.**):
 - a. Contract being hashed amongst the parties
 - b. Groundbreaking set for April 27th following Sunday Services
 - c. Parking lot utilization will change due to construction activities
7. Benevolence Report (**John A.**)
 - a. Opening Balance: \$16,052
 - b. Contributions: + 1,108
 - c. Distributions: - 430
 - d. Closing Balance: **\$16,730**
8. Sub-flock discussion (**Sandy M.**):
 - a. Communion for Assisted Living/Nursing Homes; JJ: Deacons are ordained, provide communion as requested
 - b. Send cards, electronic cards to your sub-flock for Easter
9. "Deacon Dialogue" (Sandy M.):

Closing Prayer: (Pastor JJ)

Next Meeting: May 15th at 6:30 pm – "Second Tuesday"

Text Sandy at (281) 615-7978 to include agenda items