

MINUTES FROM DEACON MEETING  
May 9, 2007

Karen Blomberg and 18 Deacons met at the Westminster Presbyterian Church on May 9, 2007.

DEVOTION: The meeting opened with Karin Edgell leading us in a “meaningful” devotion and opening prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Karen Blomberg made some logistical announcements:

1. The new electronic doors and locks will open 15 minutes before the first program begins in the evening and lock one-half hour after the last one is scheduled to begin. Therefore, if anyone expects to arrive late, you need to make arrangements to be let in – or be on time ☺ .
2. The 10:00 a.m. service schedule begins on May 27, Memorial Day weekend.
3. Sandy Calhoun, Director of Seniors Ministry is leaving and now is the time to evaluate our pastoral care needs think about how deacons may be involved in meeting pastoral care needs in Sandy’s absence.

PASTORAL CARE: Deacons were asked to write on separate cards our individual responses to questions concerning Pastoral Care:

1. What is the definition of “Pastoral Care?”
2. What are the top three priorities of pastoral care at WPC?
3. What are three ways Deacons can be involved in meeting these priorities?
4. What is the greatest obstacle in meeting these priorities?
5. What will insure that these priorities are met?

We were divided into four groups. Each of the four reported back to the entire group with their single answer to each of the above five questions. Karen Blomberg captured these on paper and will provide them separately.

OTHER DUTIES AS VOLUNTEERED/ASSIGNED: The 6<sup>th</sup> card was used to note the workgroup in which we would be most interested in participating (workgroup participation is in addition to the regular Deacon duties) and how Karen Blomberg can help. Some of the choices were:

1. Publicity (e.g., Deacons brochure)
2. Care and Worship (e.g., procedures to follow if emergency during worship)
3. Compassion Guild
4. Member Response Team
5. Homebound Communion
6. Officers (i.e., Moderator, Vice Moderator, or Secretary of Deacons)
7. Organization/Administration

Workgroups should plan to get together over the summer. Karen hopes to meet with each to see how they work out before we meet again in August.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY: A 2007 Westminster Presbyterian Church Membership Directory was provided to each Deacon.

The Deacons shared their concerns and joys (serious illnesses of family members, upcoming college graduations and an associated VA Tech tragedy). We were reminded of the June 3 Homecoming/Church Picnic.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer.

The next gathering of the Deacons will be on Wednesday, June 13, at the home of Karen Blomberg (to stick with the “tradition” of a Deacon dinner before we take the summer off – this is Karen’s treat).

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