

Pastoral Care Board
February 17, 2022
3 p.m.
Minutes

Present: Deacon Pam (chair), Michele Barkalow, Holly Meiners (chaplain), Pricilla Wheeler, Barbara Edwards, David Gruber, Janet Fox

Absent: Mother Lisa, Susan Chase

- **Opening Prayer**

Deacon Pam opened the meeting with a prayer.

- **Ministry Updates**

Friday Men's Group. Two more men have recently joined. Dave mentioned the history of the group. It started almost three years ago when he learned that Fr. Eric would be the new rector of St. Philip's. Soon after Fr. Eric arrived Dave and Harry Singley met with him to discuss forming a group similar to the men's group in Green Bay. Ideally six to eight members attend each weekly meeting. The group here has now reached a size to be sustainable.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors. The group has been on hiatus during the pandemic, but hopes to resume in March. The eucharistic visitors' licenses will need to be renewed, and more people are needed to be trained and licensed, as the need is substantial and visitors must go out in pairs.

Stephen Ministers. Training of new ministers continues at Trinity United Methodist Church. One of the trainees is a member of St. Philip's. A friend of our parish in a nearby community has asked if two members of her church could be considered to receive care from St. Philip's Stephen Ministers, as their church does not have this program. The process of connecting these two with caregivers is underway.

Daughters of the King. Priscilla Wheeler is representing the group in the absence of Sharon Sands. The order now has about ten active members, as well as another 15 to 18 women who pay their dues but don't attend the meetings. With so many new people at St. Philip's it seems likely that some will join the DOK and enjoy the fellowship it provides. Several hours of training are needed to be accepted into the order, and DOK events are not open to people who are not members. Meetings are monthly at 11 a.m. on Saturdays.

Medical Equipment Library. This ministry is picking up, as more people are having elective surgeries. Michele asked if it would be possible to ask the congregation at large who had equipment they would be willing to temporarily lend to someone who needed it. Michele would keep track of these items, which would continue to be stored by their owners.

- **New Business**

Members of the board welcomed Holly Meiners, who was recently appointed as vestry liaison, or chaplain, to Pastoral Care. Holly asked how pastoral care ministries can grow the church. There was some feeling that growing church membership is not an objective of ministries such as grief support and the Stephen Ministry and other pastoral care activities.

The meeting ended at 3:35 p.m.

Next Meeting March 17, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Fox
Communicator