

First Presbyterian Church
Board of Deacons
Tuesday, November 5, 2024
7:00 p.m.
South Fireside Room

Present: Lee Afdahl, Than Boutelle, Sarah Edgerton, Sandy Everett, Jane Hallman, Cheryl Hann, Jan Hosier, Bev Lewis, Bob Litwiller, Rosie Lund, Jane Murl, TJ Parlette, Jeff Remfert, Denise Ring, and Terry Whiting

Excused: Lynnette Fay, Leslie Litwiller, Hope Meschke, Juliet Parlette, and Connie Smyrk

Call to Order: Lead Deacon Jane Hallman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the South Fireside Room.

Devotions: Jan Hosier shared the 17th Century Nun's Prayer about aging gracefully.

Secretary's Report: Sarah Edgerton

- The committee approved minutes of the October 2024 meeting.

Deacon Financial Report: Jan Hosier

- Report not available

Pastor's Report: TJ Parlette

1. All Saints

Busy, well attended, 21 people remembered

2. World Communion

8 different languages and 4 different breads, seemed to work well.

Thank you for the flexibility

3. Trunk or Treat was fun and successful

10-11 cars decorated and giving out candy

Looked to be 15-20 kids attended

4. Coming Up:

a. FOM Rochester New Music Ensemble, 4:00pm 11/10

b. Family Promise Benefit concert, Bethel, 1:00pm 11/16 still looking for volunteers to help out, and donations for auction.

c. November 20th All Church Dinner – "Preview of Thanksgiving" theme, bring your favorite side dish, Turkey provided.

d. John and I are teaming up to lead the Advent Study this year: "Stories Behind our Favorite Christmas Songs and Traditions"

First Class will be Wednesday, Nov. 20th, after dinner in the Social Hall.

Continues Dec. 4th, and Dec 11th. Pageant will be held on Wednesday Dec. 18th.

Recent Hospitals stays and Prayer concerns:

Jodi Yates (Jim Miner's daughter), Dwight Jones in hospital recently

Respite Volunteers for Lea and Dwight Jennings

Brad Kluck's mother passed away.

Kristen Sorenson's father passed away about 2 weeks ago.

Session Report: TJ Parlette**October 2024, Session Report**

- The Session discussed FPC upcoming events (TJ has them listed above.)
- A Strategic Plan goal was training Session members and staff for difficult conversations – TJ has started that training with the Session.

Committee Reports**Chancel Flowers:** Denise Ring

- Judy Felten came to the meeting to announce she is ordering poinsettias for FPC Christmas decoration, and these plants will need to be delivered to the CARE members after the 12/8/24 church service.
- The chancel flower delivery schedule is set for the rest of the year, including the new CARE members.

Communion Guild: Leslie Litwiller via email

- October 6th FPC – 102 people served communion
- October 9th Charter House – 17 people served communion
- November 3rd FPC – 132 people served communion
- November 6th communion will be served at Charter House

Communion Servers:

- No report

Flowers and cards: Hope Meschke via email

- Three sympathy cards were sent in October.

Funeral and Memorial Receptions: Bev Lewis

- There were no funerals at FPC in October

Greeter Signup Coordinator: Rosie Lund

- The greeters have been using SignUpGenius and Rosie and Terry are frequently greeting. There have been several visitors to FPC recently.

New Parents and Baptisms: Terry Whiting

- No baptisms scheduled

Post Hospital Contacts: Jane Murl

- Jane sent 7 cards in October

Transportation: Bob Litwiller

- Sylvia Swede continues to occasionally use taxi rides.

CARE Member/Deacon touches: Juliet Parlette via email**Care Touches for October:**

- 4 cards
- 4 phone calls
- 4 visits
- 1 flower delivery
- 1 email
- 3 gifts = 17 touches

Welcoming and Nurturing Committee Liaison: Jane Murl

- Dee Tiedeman is the Lead Elder of this committee.
- On 10/27/24 23 people went to Tavern 22 for lunch.
- Sunday 12/1/24 FPC will hold Cookies and Creches + the Fair Trade sale. Advent creations will also be that Sunday.

Nominating Committee: Jeff Remfert

- This committee is looking for volunteers for 5 Deacon and 4 Elder positions.

Old Business:

- Juliet Parlette has been gathering information/pricing for a new TV (plus the mounting equipment) for over the Welcome Desk. She has found the appropriate equipment on Amazon for around \$1200.
- The Deacons **Approved** the funds for a new TV + mounting equipment but would prefer these purchases be made locally.

New Business:

- Lea and Dwight Jennings are looking for volunteers to come stay with Lea's sister Zoe for short periods of time so they can run errands. Jane Hallman will get them a list of Deacons who will help.
- Lee Afdahl is performing an Advent recital series on 12/4, 12/11, and 12/18

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:56PM.

November 19 Session Representative – Cheri Hann

Tuesday December 3rd next Deacons' meeting devotions – Sandy Everett

December 17th Session Representative – Lynette Fay

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Edgerton
Secretary