

Diaconate Minutes from August 15, 2007

Present-Bette Mac Donald, Elsie and John Burbank, Bob Holbrook, Eva Littlefield, Sandy Brallier, Ralph Martin, Beth Shehadi, Pat Williams, Emily Clement, Diane Wells, Judy Genre, Betsy Domin, and Gail Brewer

The summer meeting was opened by Chairman Beth Shehadi at 6:30 pm. Emily Clement came and explained to us the new curriculum for the Church School. It is based on "Real Kids-Real Faith" and will have different themes such as Creation and Covenant, The 10 Commandments, Advent, and Prayer. There will be chance for different teachers to take part, but there will be 3 teachers there all the time. It sounds exciting.

She also asked for feed-back from the Deacons on different topics. One is outreach to College students by mailing them the Tower Tidings or by e-mails from us.

Treasurer's Report- Ending balance on August 15, 2007 was \$5,699.37. The report was accepted.

Chairman's Report- Phyllis Veazey asked to resign from the Diaconate. Her resignation was accepted with regret.

The Furber's were at a funeral, Joanne Witticom has a babysitting conflict on Wednesday and the Webber's were out of town.

CIRCLE OF GRACE-The committee met in July to plan the sessions. Beth Shehadi is contacting the opening speaker, and the date and times of these sessions will be decided after he is contacted. The idea is to discuss "Diversity" with new understandings and the meetings will be open to the public. More on this in September.

RETREAT- the Diaconate Retreat will be held on September 16th at the home of Ralph Martin at Grouse Point. We will discuss the book "Practicing our Faith", Chapters 1, 2, and 9 and Chapter 14 which is a summary. Sandy Brallier will organize the Potluck. Ralph will mail directions to us through Sandy Brallier. It will start at 11:30 after church, we will eat and then discuss from 12:30 to 2:30. The discussion will be led by Rev. Bouton. Bring bathing suits to enjoy the pool after the meeting, which will follow the discussion.

Caring Connections: The teams visited and contacted members throughout the summer. They will meet again on September 23rd to go over the teams. NOTE THE CHANGE IN THAT DATE. Diane will stand with the pastor on September 16th and Elsie stood on Aug. 19th.

Pat Williams will do the opening at the Retreat on Sept. 16th and Betsy Domin or Warren Bouton will do the closing. The meeting was closed at 7:45 by singing "Blest be the Tie".

Respectfully submitted, Diane Wells, Pro Tem