

MINUTES OF DIACONATE-DECEMBER 20TH, 2006

PRESENT: Rev. Bouton, Bob Holbrook, Gail Brewer, Carol Hounsell, Bev and Dave Martin, Bette Mac Donald, Sandy Braillier, Beth Shehadi, and Robbie Neylon, Diane Wells.

ABSENT: Elsie and John Burbank, Eva Littlefield, Sandy Webber, Betsy Domin

After the opening reading by Sandy Braillier, Diane offered to do the minutes for this meeting.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

The Treasurer's Report gave \$10,553.47 as the ending balance. The Julie Upham Fund is \$48,416.10 at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Loss and Bereavement Group will meet on January 16th.

Honorary Deacons were voted on favorably. John Burbank and Diane Wells will implement notifying the honorees' families.

Caring Connection and Tape distribution:

Diane thanked those taking the tapes-now to 8 different people. The flowers will be distributed at 10:00 am on Dec. 26th. Robbie N, Bette, Bob Holbrook, Sandy B, and Diane will take them to our shut-ins.

Gail Brewer and Beth will help change the decorations to white on Dec. 24th.

Next discussion gathering will be lead by Bill Zeckhausen on conflict management, beginning January 14th. The details will be determined but the idea was ok'd by the Diaconate. Three articles were laid out for the Diaconate to read:

Conflict Management by Bill Z and Judy Buswell; an article by Malcolm Ritter called, "Don't Worry, you can be happier." and an e-mail from Plymouth State called, "Peace Comes Softly and Unannounced."

Communion: Bev Martin has arranged for the January 7th Communion. The Mahers will set it up and substitutes for the Martins were made. Beth Shehadi and Gail Brewer will serve.

DISCUSSION; HOW DO WE FEEL AS DEACONS? WHAT ARE OUR SPECIAL GIFTS?

We went around the group and each gave something about the diaconate that they specifically felt was special. At the end, Beth passed out the book called Oneness for all of us to read and bring back one thing from it in January that especially meant something to each of us. Thank you, Beth, for that gift to us.
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:45 PM.

Diane Wells, Sec. Pro Tem

