

April 10, 2022 Minutes of Deacon Meeting

Deacons and Staff Attending:

Present: Sharon Fox, Jo Ballard, Harvey Trammell, Brenda Vega, Jan Tomlinson, Marsha Timby, Christine Gentil, Jane Henson, Penny Bryant, Nancy Blurton, Karen Austin, Andre Verona, Lisa Shelfer, Mona Williams, Laura Tingleaf, Rebecca Davis, David Harkins, CC Roberts, Stephanie Peters, Kathy Redden, Beverly Fluke, Beth Case, Mike Kelly.

Absent: John Yochum, Danielle Shindler.

Welcome:

Jane Henson opened the meeting with a blessing of the lunch and a welcome to the Deacons followed by a brief review by Mike Kelly of the minutes of the last meeting.

Announcements:

Beth led a discussion of the achievements and progress in satisfying the MDPC 2017 Strategic Goals followed by a discussion of the Holy Week activities.

Devotional and Prayer:

C. C. Roberts (assisted by her young daughter) spoke of the Ukraine Crisis and how her heart was deeply touched by the suffering there. She created a vision for what it must be like for the families there and created a focal point for us to pray for Ukrainians as if we were there experiencing the same hardships seeking God's Grace and Protection. She closed in a heartfelt prayer to our compassionate God.

Discussion: The Preparing Deacon: The Lord's Supper and its Place in Deacon Ministry.

Beth (the "why") and Beverly (the "how") led a discussion of Home Communion Services as an opportunity for Deacons to serve homebound members. Beth discussed the theology behind the communion service. Beverly provided training in how to conduct a home communion service followed by the Deacons breaking into small groups to conduct communion services among themselves.

Prayer & Project in the Parlor:

Kathy Redden offered the Closing Prayer, after which, the Deacons adjourned to the Parlor to set up the "Silent Word" Prayer Room for Holy Week.

Respectfully Submitted by Mike Kelly.