

September 11, 2022 Minutes of Deacon Meeting

Deacons and Staff Attending:

Present: Beth Case, Beverly Fluke, Kathy Redden, Jane Henson, Alf Halvorson, Shari Halvorson, Marsha Timby, David Harkins, Andre Verona, Harvey Trammell, Nancy Blurton, Laura Tingleaf, Christine Gentil and Mike Kelly.

Absent: Mona Williams, Danielle Schindler, Sharon Fox, Jan Tomlinson, Penny Bryant, Brenda Vega, CC Roberts, Rebecca Davis, Karen Austin, and Stephanie Peters, John Yochum, Lisa Shelfer, Jo Ballard

Welcome:

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

Devotional:

Kathy Redden provided a devotional focused on obtaining peace in our lives through Jesus Christ, emphasizing that with NO GOD, there is NO PEACE in our lives. She then wove in Bible verses on faith, trust, and obedience as part of the path to peace through Jesus Christ.

Discussion: The Simplifying Deacon:

Pastor Alf began his talk by identifying the big challenge of how to simplify our efforts in order to focus on what is most important -- our relationship with God. To illustrate this challenge, he contrasted the companion messages in Luke of the good Samaritan and that of Jesus's stay with Mary and Martha where Mary chose the better part. Who was doing the right thing in the presence of Jesus? He ended with the thought we should center our attention "not on what I need to get done, but who do I want to become."

Session Report & Announcements:

Beverly Fluke gave a brief update on the last Session meeting's topics including (i) strategic goal updates, and (ii) a reflection on what is working and not working with volunteerism. Beverly also shared announcements of upcoming Church Events.

Prayer: Jane Henson offered the Closing Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by Mike Kelly