

East Main Presbyterian Church - Deacon Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2025 - 6:30 PM - Fellowship Hall
Business Meeting

Present: Bev Bell, Gail Chutz, Carissa Hicks, Caley Ritenour, Carly Stillwaggon, Brodie Whitley, Brady Beech, Mike Bright, Diane Dixon, Sandy Frederick, Howard Glass, Nancy Hazy, Ruth Ann Webster, Terry Webster, Tom Gregg, Mindy Isles, Dan Ritenour.

Absent: Alayna Bishop, Amy Bishop, Heather Hough, Bob McConnell, Dorothy McMillen, Donna Miller, Lisa Smith, Lynn Bashew, Sue Ellen Hamilton, Holly Burcker, Mary Markley, Sunshine Mushrush, Amy Thomas, Jeff Weinel, Joan Weinel

Welcome & Prayer: Nancy Hazy welcomed the group and opened the meeting with a prayer.

Devotion: Nancy Hazy shared a teaching about the importance of always leaving people better than we found them.

Bi-Monthly Business/Reports:

Minutes of June 2024 Meeting: Mike Bright moved and Gail Chutz seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2024 meeting. The motion passed.

Treasurer: Brady Beech reviewed the financial report for the month of December. The fund balance beginning in January is \$1,000.00.

Corresponding Secretary: In Donna Miller's absence, Nancy Hazy read a thank you note from the Porsch family for Deacons Dan Ritenour's and Howard Glass' assistance in moving their mother to Grove Manor.

Communion Served by Deacons: Gail Chutz provided communion to Pat Fitzgerald in December. Nancy Hazy announced that Deacons can be commissioned by Session to serve communion during their diaconal visits.

Drivers: A ride to the airport was provided.

Hospital Visitation: Dan Ritenour visited Dean Marburger when he was recently hospitalized.

Funeral Meal Coordinator: No activity to report

Caring Meals: Gail Chutz announced that approximately 100 meals have been provided through this ministry since it started.

New Babies: Dan Ritenour reported for Melanie that they will be visiting a baby born on January 14 and family this week.

Blanket Ministry: A surplus of five baby blankets will be shared with Bev Bell to pass along to new mothers and an additional five baby blankets will be passed along to the Promise of Life Network to distribute. Information on the Prayer Blanket Ministry will be provided with the blankets.

Also, Prayer Blankets will be provided to Jim Morton and Lois Tubbs.

Mindy Deems showed a pocket prayer shawl to the group. It was mentioned that Kate Phipps might be engaged to crochet these items if there is further interest.

Fellowship Hall Greeter Sign-Up: Mike Bright circulated a list for sign-ups

Old Business:

Community Medical Closet: A supply of medical equipment will be available for loan in the near future. George Junior will house the equipment. Details on equipment loans will be made available soon. Chris Goines is the community coordinator 724-269-0054.

Deacon Visitation: An updated visitation list was distributed at the meeting and Dan Ritenour provided some explanation on the list.

New Business:

Lanyard style name tags were distributed to the group.

It was announced that:

1. Bev Bell is coordinating the medical equipment closet at East Main
2. New Upper Room and Daily Bread devotional books are available.
3. Next Sunday, January 26 will be the East Main Annual Celebration

Volunteer for Devotion at February Meeting: Jeff Weinel

Adjournment: After spending some time in prayer for special requests from the people visited by the deacons, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Next Meeting: 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Gregg, Secretary
East Main Church Deacons.