Strongville United Church of Christ

Diaconate Minutes

April 12, 2016

Present: (in attendance have been bolded) **Denise Bell, Ginny Churnega, Cheryl Sobek, Dan Davis, Pastor Becky, Michele Mihlack,** Gina Cathcart, Ginny Dangelo, **Cathy Hawk,** Kris Fischer, **Adria Bond**

The regular meeting of the Strongsville UCC Diaconate Meeting was called to order by Denise. Prayer led by Cathy.

**Approval of Minutes** - Motion to approve Denise, Second Ginny.

**Treasurer's Report -** Treasurer's report was given by Ginny. Account balance at 3/8/16 is $2108.99.

**Old Business**

* Journey Through Grief Booklets - Barb will update us if we need to order more.
* Revision of the Diaconate Handbook - Altar section - Beth to get Cheryl the update this week.
* Easter update - need 3 tanks of helium for balloons. Had ordered 50 balloons. Have bases. There were complains about the balloons blocking the faces of the choir so may change for next year.

**New Business**

* May 8 - Rita Rohnl from OCWM will substitute for PB.
* 200th Anniversary - Diaconate will provide brunch. Looking at a budget of approximately $500. Suggestions included Costco, mini-sandwiches from Giant Eagle, fruit salad, scrambled egg casserole (Michelle to check cost), quiche, strada, vegetable tray. Would like to give out some momentos for example a cross.
* Baby shower for Deb Schneider - need to get dates she is available.
* Plan/organize Wing Night

**-** Rachel cannot make it but has "Wing Night Mix" we can use

- Sideboards - $2 and $3 maybe one $5

- Ginny to have cash change available

- currently have 7-8 baskets - would like 10-12. Sign up in Pilgrim's Hall for basket donations.

- Raffle - use double tickets so people do not have to fill out information. Calling numbers between 8 and 8:30.

- Next year may look at Brew Garden as it is handicap accessible.

- Profit is $11 per ticket plus raffles and sideboards.

**Pastor Update:**

* Change to one service at 10AM. Discussion as to just for the summer or permanently. Not enough attendance at second service
* Discussion on Sunday school for adults. Need to determine the best time. No Sunday school in summer. If before services, choir cannot attend. If between services, need to make first service earlier which choir cannot do. Possibly after services. Will discuss further.
* PB presented the format for the one combined service.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn approved by Kathy. Seconded by Michelle.