Strongsville United Church of Christ

Diaconate Minutes

June 14, 2016

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

The regular meeting of the Strongsville UCC Diaconate Meeting was called to order by Denise at 7:06 PM. Prayer led by Cathy.

**Approval of Minutes** – Motion to approve Cathy, Second Denise.

**Treasurer's Report -** Treasurer's report was given by Ginny. Balance in account on 6/14/16 is $4,119.46. Motion to approve by Denise. Second Cathy.

**Old Business**

* Update on the revision of the Diaconate handbook – Needs to be typed. Cheryl to finish.

**New Business**

* Baby shower for Deb Schneider will be on Sunday July 17th after the service. Will serve sandwich tray from either Costco or Giant Eagle with punch and coffee. Denise will pick up decorations from Party City. Put information on board last week of June and put in bulletin.
* Approval of transfer of membership of Audrey Miller to UCC in Irwin PA. Motion by Ginny. Seconded by Cheryl.
* Letters were reviewed to send to list of inactive members for Removal from church roles and for Invite Back. Will leave to the discretion of Ginny and Sharon as to which letters to send.
* Denise will take care of updating the Diaconate section of UCC website. Main page needs to be updated for both activities and minutes.
* Decided against meetings after the worship service in July to get feedback from congregation. Negative feedback received on passing the peace and on the length of time for Joys and Concerns. No negative feedback on music. Up to Pastor Becky how to manage the worship service. In regards to Sunday school, it is the responsibility of the Christian Education committee to decide how to manage the Sunday school as to times, etc. Will suggest they put questions regarding an adult Sunday school on back of attendance cards.
* A Pony Party was purchased at an auction at a Chamber event earlier in the year. Need to check on status with Kelly Bickley. Thought it would be a fun item for the Sunday school children.
* Still having Garage Sale. Items will not be priced. It will be whatever the individuals are willing to offer. Post in bulletin for help. Sunday school usually has a bake sale. Up to the Official Board whether to keep the tent up for the Garage Sale. It will be held on Saturday August 6th.
* Dan filled the candles up with oil. Gina will work with him to make sure the candles are refilled after the Sunday service so they are ready for the following Sunday.
* Replacements for Pastor Becky for the Sundays she will be gone have been arranged.
* No meeting in July. If something comes up, can email.

**Pastor Update:**

* Passing of the Peace will be dropped from the worship service.
* Tent Revival – need food before the service for the preachers. Coffee and cookies for after. Diaconate donated $500 for expenses for the Revival. Motion by Ginny, seconded by Cathy.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 8:05 by Cathy. Seconded by Cheryl.