Strongsville United Church of Christ

Diaconate Minutes

October 11, 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 Cheryl at 7:02 PM. Prayer led by Cathy Hawk.

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

**Treasurer's Report -** Treasurer's report was given by Ginny. Balance in account on 10/11/16 is $3,384.34. Motion made by Cathy to donate $1,000 for the operating expenses of the Church. Second by Adria.

**Old Business**

* The revision of the Diaconate handbook was completed by Cheryl. Will send to Sharon to print.
* The 200th Anniversary Kick Off Brunch was a success. Everyone seemed to enjoy.

**New Business**

* Cheryl will be attending the Board Meetings.
* We will change the date for decorating the church for Christmas and the Open House to November 13th after the service. This way we can include all members of the church. Pizza will be provided.
* November 20th is the Open House. Cathy will check with Rachel on the amount of cider we need. Cheryl will notify Sharon to post in the bulletin for donations of cookies and bakery. Have a sign-up sheet.
* Update Diaconate section of UCC website – Adria sent copies of minutes to Jack from April to current.
* Replacement for Pastor Becky on 11/6 (Santomen) was confirmed.
* Pencils for pews were taken care of.
* Ginny will go to Journey of Faith class and explain what Diaconate does and see if there is anyone interested in serving.
* Food for Thanksgiving baskets will be left on the altar. Will ask Joyce to do the count.
* Started discussing plans for Wing Night. Date will be May 5th.
* Upcoming events:

1. October 29th – Harvest Festival
2. October 30th – Communion. Dedication and memorials.
3. November 20th – Open House
4. November 23 – Thanksgiving Service at Methodist Church
5. November 27th – Hanging of the Greens service
6. December 4th – Cookie Sale
7. December 9th – Blue Christmas (need ribbons)
8. December 11th – Candy Sale
9. December 16th – Jazz Concert
10. December 18th – Pageant (covered dish dinner)
11. Christmas Eve – services at 7 and 11
12. Christmas Day – service at 10

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 7:55 by Cheryl. Seconded by Ginny.