Strongsville United Church of Christ

Diaconate Minutes

September 13, 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 7:05 PM. Prayer led by Pastor Becky.

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

**Treasurer's Report -** Treasurer's report was given by Ginny. Balance in account on 9/13/16 is $3,527.46.

**Old Business**

* The revision of the Diaconate handbook was completed by Cheryl. Will get printed.
* Still have enough Journey Through Grief Booklets
* The shower for Deb S was a success. Thank you from Pastor Becky.

**Official Board Update**

* PB is retiring. An Executive Team meeting will be held in a couple of weeks to plan.
* Kim McKenzie resigned. Sally will finish out the year.
* Jack needs to receive updates for the website. Adria to send minutes to Jack.
* Cookbooks are in.

**New Business**

* **FALL DECORATIONS WILL BE PUT UP ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 1ST AT 10 PM.** Christmas decorations will be put up on Saturday November 19th as the Open House is on November 20th. We will discuss the Christmas decorations in our October meeting. Adria to notify Sharon of dates so she can put in bulletin and newsletter. Also, sign-up sheet to be passed around in Sunday’s service.
* Altar clothes are green until November 20th when they are changed to white.
* We will begin the food collections for the Thanksgiving baskets on October 16th. Adria to remind Sharon to place insert in bulletin.
* Approval of removal of Mona Benn and daughter Serena from membership roster. Mona is attending Christ Church and Serena is living out-of-state.
* Need substitute for PB on 11/6. Denise to contact Rev.Santomen to see if he is available.
* Denise is taking a maternity leave from Diaconate. She will take care of the agenda for October. Cheryl will be taking over her duties after that.
* Sign-ups for coffee hour are scarce. Need more help. Also, need more members on Diaconate. Denise will visit the Journey in Faith class to see if anyone would be interested in serving on Diaconate, working on coffee hours, etc.
* Pony Party for the children will be on October 8th from 4-6 pm.
* Pencils needed for pews. Ginny will follow through.
* 200th Anniversary **KICK OFF BRUNCH – OCTOBER 9TH.** Plan for 140 people. We will decorate the hall when decorating the church for fall.

1. Pork Loins/Pulled Pork – PB and Ginny
2. Crab Cakes & Steamed Shrimp – PB
3. Vegetable Quiches – to be made after Wednesday lunch
4. Stratas – Cathy
5. Fruit Bowl – Gina
6. Vegetables/Vegetable Casserole – Adria
7. Cole Slaw & Chips – PB
8. Cake – Ginny
9. Pastries – Paneras
10. Punch, Coffee, Tea

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 7:58 by Denise. Seconded by Ginny.