

DEACON COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Central Baptist Church
July 18, 2022

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING PRAYER

Chairman Cliff Vicars called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

DEVOTION

Jon Cardwell presented a devotion based on Proverbs 3:5, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding”. He posed the question: Have you tried to explain “Trust in the Lord” to a non-believer? Jon gave several examples of difficult challenges in his life and how important this verse has been during all the challenges. He also relayed using this verse to witness to unsaved family members about his faith through the trials. He stated that the trials we walk through with the Lord may not be just for us but an opportunity to give witness to those around us of God's love and provision for us. He led in prayer.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JUNE DEACON COUNCIL MINUTES

The Minutes of the Deacon Council Minutes for June 27, 2022, were approved on a motion by Bill English and second by Jeff Keller. The vote was unanimous.

PASTOR UPDATE

Dr. Hood reported that all pastors, with the exception of Gene Elliott, have now had a case of Covid. He reviewed the latest CDC Covid guidelines.

Dr. Hood presented the following persons for Deacon approval for membership: By Statement – Jonathan & Mercy Smith; By Letter – Betty Henry, Wayne & Krystal Holder; By Baptism – Tyler Holder (pending baptism). David Davis made a motion which was seconded by Elaine Canaday that these candidates be approved for membership. The vote was unanimous in favor of approval.

Gene Elliott explained the congregational care ministry being put in place and asked each deacon to indicate a Sunday School class he/she would like to serve. Gene asked the deacons to please communicate with him concerning congregational needs discovered so that the pastors will be aware of the needs of the congregation.

OLD BUSINESS

Cliff Vicars stated that two additional members are needed on the By-Laws Work Group. He presented the names of Ed Broyles and Tim Dills to fill these places. These were unanimously approved on a motion by Ed Gibbons and second by Dwight Treadway.

Chairman Vicars presented the matter of ushers/offerings during worship services. He stated this has been discussed at several meetings. Paul Gray made a motion to continue to receive offering on Sundays in the offering boxes located in the Welcome Corridor and to continue communion as currently done with this to be re-evaluated at the end of 6 months. The motion was seconded by Bill English. Vote was taken by show of hands and the motion passed.

Cliff Vicars also presented the matter of deacon prayers before worship. It was stated that a previous practice of deacons with offering duties in a service meeting together prior to the service to organize and pray for the service. Since the action was just taken to not return to passing the offering plates at

this time, it was pointed out that no organization is needed before each service. Motion was made by David Taylor with second by Jeff Keller that this matter be reconsidered in six (6) months. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Jeff Keller, representing the Board of Directors' Endowment Fund Sub-Committee, reviewed with the Deacon Council the history, regulations, current status, and need for changes in the CBC Endowment regulations. He stated that the current balance of the Endowment fund is nearing \$2,000,000. He explained fully the current regulations for distribution and the need for more flexibility in distribution options. He provided a written summary of the Sub-Committee's work and their recommendations for change. He also provided a copy of the Endowment Fund document and reviewed each new recommendation and answered all questions related to them. He explained that to change the document it takes approval of the Board of Directors, Deacon Council and vote by the congregation. He stated that the Board of Directors approved these changes on July 11, 2022. After full explanation by Jeff and full discussion by the Deacon Council, Ed Gibbons made a motion to amend Article 3, Section 7 changing "by the entire church body" to "by the members present". This motion was seconded by Mark Aiken and was approved unanimously. Following the approval of this amendment the Council voted unanimously to approve all of the recommended document changes. Motion was made by Bob Fife and second by Debbie Taylor. Jeff explained that the Board of Directors will vote on the amendment just made by the Deacons and, if approved, the entire document will be presented at the Quarterly Business Meeting on Wednesday, August 4, 2022.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Dwight Treadway reviewed the deacon assignments for August.

Steve Wyse reported that the Long Range Planning Committee has begun its work and it is vital to their work that they receive input from church members. He also stated they also seek prayers for their work.

Dwight Treadway reviewed the prayer list and a time of prayer was held.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Sally Harris, Acting Secretary