

## DIACONATE (WORSHIP MINISTRY) MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2014

Revised

**The Diaconate (Worship Ministry) met with the following:** Members present: Pastor Jon Tice, Kitty Bell, Karen Lewis, and Ann Button. Members Absent: Karen Caylor, Susan and Ernie Cottingham, Jayne Ribble, Sandy Winslow and Cathy Trout.

Kitty Bell conducted our meeting.

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Jon Tice opened the meeting with prayer.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

**Pastor Report:** Jon reviewed his thoughts about the congregations' 2 combined services this past December 2013 at 10:00 am. The December 22<sup>nd</sup> service was held in the Sanctuary and the 29<sup>th</sup> service was held in Pilgrim Hall. Pastor felt the combined services brought our members together in worship and was a learning experience as to mechanic of each. He is considering one service for each week for the month of December 2014.

Pastor Tice's sermons will return for January - March to the "Multiply" series with more specific subject matter on how to grow spiritually.

**Music Report:** Cathy Trout was not present due to illness

**Council Report:** None

**Old Business:** The Christmas Cantata was excellent, well attended and received. Christmas Eve services were very meaningful, excellent turn out. Many of our youth participated. The Service of Remembrance (Necrology) was held January 12, 2014 in our sanctuary for thirteen of God's beloved children.

### **Committee Reports:**

Acolytes - Kitty Bell is procuring acolytes

Altar - Paraments are green starting January 19.

Communion - Karen Lewis will make more crackers for February.

Lay Leaders - Karen Caylor will secure.

Usher/Greeters - Karen Caylor will secure

Secretary - Ann Button will serve for January, February, and March.

**New Business:** We have a name change. As of January 1, 2014 our board name will be Diaconate as it was in past years. The Finance Ministry will again be the Trustees.

Lent will be starting on Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. A discussion followed concerning Lent. We will again have the soup suppers during Lent on Wednesday evenings, five in all. Diaconate board will serve the first supper on March 12. The other suppers will be on March 19 and 26 and April 2 and 9. The Maundy Thursday service is April 17. Pastor Jon is researching our Lenten Series topic.

Newspaper: Kitty Bell has been in contact with Jan Kinder of the Kokomo Perspective as the to changing our church's advertising. A 1"x 4"ad will be \$20.00 a week. Jan will be meeting with Kitty at our church.

The Kokomo Tribune was not responsive to our Church's repeated requests for a feature article concerning First Congregational Church's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. They wanted us to take out an ad instead of furnishing us with a feature article.

Having no further business, meeting was adjourned

In Christ's Love,  
Ann Button, Secretary