

FLC Vision Council Meeting April 8, 2021

Our Present Charter: Understanding our Racism, Power, and Privilege

Members Present: Members Present: David Sproat, Past President; Nancy Rova, Secretary; Mary Dontje, Treasurer; Dianne Loufman, Pastor, Michele Ubl, Ministry Board Chair; Steve Samuelson, President; Carolyn Karsell, Vice President; Rick Curnow, Councilor-at-Large; Emilie Bowman, Councilor-at-Large

Also Present: Logan McLean Strike

Members Absent: Kim Schandel, Councilor-at-Large

Devotion: Mary led us in discussion on Chapter 3 of White Fragility

Approval of the Agenda: Agenda approved with motion by Dave, Carolyn 2nd and unanimous approval.

Approval of the Minutes : Mary motioned to approve, Carolyn second and unanimous approval

Treasurer's Report: given by Mary Dontje

1. We have a January report now! Offerings in January were nice and our Income is above budget.
2. Expenses are going according to plan.
3. Our 3 year comparison is consistent.
4. February report show that offerings were down (as is usual in Feb—short month)
5. Total Income YTD is appropriate and on track as expected
6. Expenses are fine with no unexpected issues. They are down from other years as expected. 3 year average is OK.
7. TFR—The match has been extended to be from January 2020 to September 2021 and the Foundation will match \$150,000. We are currently at about \$142,000.
--A motion was made by Dave to renegotiate the Loan and repay \$100,000 over 8 years at \$12,500/year. This was 2nd by Mary (with a BIG thank you to Dave) and unanimously approved.
8. Weekly Offerings are on track.

Ministry Board Report: presented by Michele

1. The MB approved a new Action Team Application Form
2. Lifelong Learning: discussing upcoming form topics including Climate Change and Indigenous Lands; plans for ongoing outreach to members and

- considering intergenerational “pen pals”; continuing discussions on Racism, Power and Privilege and looking toward Fall
3. Evangelism & Welcoming: Educating FLC about Land Acknowledgement; considering Grandma’s Marathon entertainment during the race
 4. Stewardship: Continue to discuss Racism, Power and Privilege; have received good feedback on the cards that are set in the mail so will continue to send cards; sponsoring the Community Garden; Collecting sports equipment; will continue videos for God Extends and Invitation
 5. Local & Global: Continuing small team discussions for the Neighborhood Mea, Meatball Fundraiser on hold until we get the new convection oven.
 6. FLC Women: 3 groups are actively meeting on Zoom for Bible study; planning another luncheon for the women of FLC as these have been well attended.
 7. Would request the VC to contemplate the following questions for next meeting: Hopes and desires as we anticipate when we start gathering again; How do you/we feel about reopening?; What do you/we imagine that to look like?; What are you/we looking forward to?; How will our ministries be renewed?; What have we learned this year as we move forward?

Pastor’s Report:

- meeting with committees, finance, Preparedness, Ministry Board and groups that meet in our building
- Communication Team starting!
- Meeting regularly with Logan, pastoral intern
- Have restarted communion visits which has been very moving
- Holy week was a good experience and services went well. Almost \$6000 collected for World Hunger! Thank you to all participants and speakers!
- 150 Monthly Giving: Underwear for LifeHouse
- working on a New Members class starting and thankful that previous new members continue to attend!

Intern Report:

- Met with Green Team to assess garden work
- Working with Youth and helping kids to try to connect with one another
- May 2 at 11:30 planning to educate congregation re: Land Acknowledgement and what this is and means
- have been busy with Lent and it has been a good experience

Business:

1. Roof Repair: We have one Jamar bid and are waiting on a Kuettel bid. VC motioned to approve a \$23,020 maximum to fix the roof. (Motion made by Carolyn, Dave 2nd and unanimous approval)
 2. Carolyn reported that she presented 5 \$100 Super One gift cards to the Netta Birgan's mission. The funds were much appreciated and Netta attended church with us afterward.
 3. Reopening: Case rates are still rising so have not been able to determine an opening date. We are planning on Outdoor Services in the park late June/July. We have agreed to a wedding on May 29. Small groups approved to have maskless meetings if all participants are vaccinated.
 4. Constitution:
 - we recommend an amendment to our constitution re: VC VP-P-PP to spend 3 years on one committee rather than 1 on each committee in order to truly understand the functioning of a single committee and have some "institutional" history with it. Also, we have been choosing delegates to the Synod gathering from the congregation rather than using VC officers, so as to involve more people in our representation and spread understanding of what the Synod does.
 - Regarding the congregational meetings on Zoom, we are within our guidelines because of the state mandate but we would like to amend the Constitution for this as well.
- Steve presented this, Dave motioned to approve this process, Rick 2nd and unanimous approval. We will bring these to a vote at the Congregational meeting in June.
5. Gabriel Project Donation suggested by Dianne. Motion made to donate by Nancy, 2nd by Mary, unanimous approval.
 6. Community Garden: Since Covid, this has been slow moving. Starr Brainerd and Steve will meet over the phone next week. Steve is gathering information on how to pay for this, grant information, etc.
 7. Live Stream: VC did approve proposal from Sim Sound and we are proceeding with this. Via Email all of the VC accepted this proposal. \$21,000 is obtained through budget and a Foundation Grant. Estimate 2 months to install so early to mid June.
 8. Making a Difference: \$1000 to Synod Ministries, \$4000 to AIM Yurt program, \$4000 to Lincoln Park Children and Families Collaborative: Steve motioned to approve this, Dave 2nd, unanimous approval
 9. Monthly Meal Planning:
 - once monthly after church
 - How to get the word out
 - Buffet Style with real Plates and Silverware
 - only meals on site
 - rotate who works it
 - currently on hold until Covid plays out

10. Visioning: Recalling the talk from Kevin Skwira-Brown: Where do we go moving forward? The pandemic has provided an opportunity to educate ourselves. Thoughts are to provide a “multi cultural inventory” to offer to the congregation and Steve will consult with Kevin about this and gather information re: ideas, fees, etc.

Next Meeting: May 6, 2021 6-8 pm. Chapter 4 of White Fragility

Closing prayer: Mary

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy L. Rova, VC Secretary