

## FLC Vision Council Meeting December 1st 2022

**Members Present:** Dianne Loufman, Pastor; Amy Merchant, Secretary; Mary Dontje, Treasurer; Beth Storaasli, President; Mark Boyce, Vice President; George Rennan, Councilor-at-Large; Tyler Klingfus, Councilor-at-Large; Julie Samuleson-Ministry Board Chair, Bob Ardren, Councilor-at-Large

**Members Absent:** None

**Opening Prayer:** Bob

**Approval of the Agenda:** approved with corrections of last names; Carolyn was in attendance.

First, Mary Dontje

Second, George Rennan

**Book Discussion:** Tyler Klingfus

Chapter 4. Being Present

Focus on Experiences

What types of interactions? Turning off phone and eye contact.

Talking to two people at once is difficult

Body Language

Memorable interaction with people? Good or bad

Empty yourself. Mindfulness

Relevant to RIC

**Approval of the Minutes:** Mark motioned to approve the minutes, Carolyn second with unanimous approval.

**Treasurer's Report:** Led by Mary Dontje

1. October was 107% of projected income
2. YTD is 99% of Projected Income
3. Paid \$19,000 to repair parking lots, whole expense comes from Property Fund
4. **Pledges are down from last year but many who haven't pledged, or they give online. We have 23 new pledges!**
5. Keep putting money into endowment fund
6. Plan was to be 30k in red and now we are 2k positive

**Ministry Board: Julie Samuelson**

1. No ministry board report

**Pastor's Report:**

1. Need new greeters
2. goal was to talk to two new people
3. had to buy towing parking lot signs because of St. Lukes
4. getting rid of cw tech, and hiring Carter Zupancich
5. bible study starting back up
6. Anya Powell Canal Park event with youth
7. Stewardship wine and thank you night was a success
8. Randy Lee big band will go towards chum warming center

**Business Items**

1. To approve the proposal by the Archives Committee to sell the antique wooden table for \$800 with proceeds retained by Archives for future expenses. If Archives does not continue to use the glass case, to arrange for its donation. The VC thanks the Archives Committee for its continuing effort to preserve the congregation's history.
2. To approve continued planning and partnership with Duluth Running for the Lefse Run on December 17 at 9 am. Dates for rolling and frying lefse were scheduled for December 11, 17 and 18. Mark approves, and Bob seconds with unanimous approval.
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4. The Vision Council appoints Tim Schandel (2 year term), Tim Johnson (1 year term) and Chris Zupancich (2 year term) to the Property Committee, and Duane Sieger as ex-officio non-voting member of the committee. The Committee is tasked with 1) on site supervision of construction on FLC property related to the lease with NEMN Synod, 2) on site review of current condition of property and any necessary current repairs and improvements, 3) a list of current and future capital and repair projects with estimated timing and costs for budget purposes, and 4) a written calendar of monthly caretaking

projects (Duane has knowledge) including lists of suppliers and vendors. The VC will advertise for the 4th voting member, encouraging women to volunteer. Beth will provide this information to Becky for publication in the Mustard Seed.

5. Ministry Team Fair. 4 committees and 5 ministry teams. Make an announcement? List on the “tree” with different cards
  
6. Cindy Monroe from the Welcoming and Affirming team was present to discuss status and next steps. Vision Council authorizes a Survey to be presented to the congregation on RIC issues, to be discussed at the annual meeting on February 12. Carolyn offered to assist and participate with the Welcoming and Affirming team to create and edit the Survey.

**Goals:**

(re) connecting to god, one another, and wider community

Practice Hospitality by becoming a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation

1. Promote inclusivity and diversity
  - by becoming RIC church
  - racial justice
  - work with established action teams to further work
  
2. Building relationships with the new people God sends our way
  
3. Opportunities for building community with young families
  
4. Broader neighborhood outreach through community involvement starting with the Lefse Run

**Open Forum-** n/a

**Closing Prayer:** Tyler Klingfus

Next Meeting; Thursday January 5th at 6PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy K. Merchant, VC Secretary