

FLC Vision Council Meeting July 1, , 2021, 6-8

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

Members Present: Steve Samuelson, Past President; Nancy Rova, Secretary; Mary Dontje, Treasurer; Dianne Loufman, Pastor; Carolyn Karsell, President; George Rennan, Councilor-at-Large; Stephanie Lundorff, Councilor-at-Large; Emilie Bowman, Ministry Board Chair; Beth Storaasli, Vice President; Joshua Blair, Associate Pastor

Also Present: Logan McLean Strike

Members Absent: Rick Curnow

Devotion: deferred due to welcoming new members tonight

Approval of the Agenda: Agenda approved with motion by Beth, Steve 2nd with unanimous approval.

Approval of the Minutes : Beth motioned to approve, Mary second with unanimous approval

Treasurer's Report: given by Mary Dontje

1. May offerings were down but year to date we are still ahead
2. Expenses: Office expenses are still high. Finance Committee will be focusing on this going forward. We have had lots of property expenses as we have had opportunity to fix this.
3. 3 year comparison is consistent
4. TFR: Due to the \$150K match being met our loan is decreased by about 50%!
5. Finance Committee is looking for one more member
6. We need to update our Signature card and all signers need to contact Samantha Kerr at National Bank of Commerce (218-740-2434)
7. Finance review should be done by the end of the month and is going well

Pastor's Report:

--We need to build up the Communication Team

--Kelly has reconnected with all the various groups who use our building and has rewritten our building policies

--Finished Logan's final evaluation

--continue pastoral care with funerals, hospice visits and phone calls

--planning for opening to in person services and planning for Worship in the Park

- July 11 is Josh's installation first service
- July 18th baptisms, Lake Superior Sunday, farewell celebration for Logan
- July 25th will be Logan's last Sunday
- 150 gathering for June/July Washington Rec Center sports equipment, for Sept tree seedlings
- Need some fresh ideas and people on Stewardship team
- working with Duane and Carl on property projects and sanctuary lightbulbs
- Graduation blessings sent to high school and college graduates
- Attended a hybrid ministry course that expanded thinking and ideas
- Racial Justice Team walk to the Clayton, Jackson, McGhie memorial was powerful and meaningful. Exciting that we continue to build a faith community working together on social justice
- Ice cream wagon every Wed in different neighborhoods

Associate Pastor Report:

- went to a bonfire for youth, ice cream truck
- working on LYO things
- getting settled and setting up office
- has done devotion and newsletter

Intern Report:

- Thank you for the time here and I have been approved for ordination
- Have been offering Wed Morning prayer at Bethesda Chapel
- cheered on runners at Grandma's marathon
- preaching, ministry team meetings, working with the video team

Business:

1. Community Outreach meal: the first one is July 18, 2021 from noon to 2 pm. The Vision Council will be the hosts.

2. Community Garden:

- Logan and Steve will meet with Starr Brainerd to discuss the plan
- we did not get the ELCA grant
- we have other grant applications still pending
- Logan will check with Ecofaith Grant
- Steve will check with Thrivent and Altec and Essentia Health re: grants
- we will need a garden manager

3. National Night Out: Tuesday Aug 3. Pastor Josh has some ideas for activities. We will need to advertise starting now

4. VC member needs to write a paragraph updating congregation on what we as a team are doing and planning. Steve will write for July.

5. CPE: Motion was made to support Continuing Ed for Ann Beck in completing her Clinical Pastoral Ed program. Nancy made the motion and 2nd by Mary with unanimous approval.

6. The Preschool Space is now open---what do we want to do with this space? What are our goals? Is this available for members? Do we want this to provide revenue stream for other projects? Community Service? Pastor Josh will contact St Louis County to get some information if there are any known needs for programs needing a preschool space.

7. We said our good-byes to Logan and THANK YOU!!

Next Meeting August 5, 6-8 pm. Hopefully we will be IN PERSON!

Chapter 5 of White Fragility

Closing Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy L. Rova, VC Secretary

