

FLC Vision Council Meeting June 3, 2021, 6-8

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; Carolyn Karsell, Vice President; Rick Curnow, Councilor-at-Large; Kim Schandel, Councilor-at-Large

Also Present: Logan McLean Strike

Members Absent: Emilie Bowman, Councilor-at-Large; Steve Samuelson, President;

Devotion: Carolyn led us in discussion on Chapter 5 of White Fragility

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

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

Treasurer's Report: given by Mary Dontje

1. April offerings were down a little as were the Holiday offerings
2. Year to Date offerings however are still above
3. Expenses: Office expenses are high but a needed new copier was budgeted
4. Property: Insurance is paid in full for the year instead of monthly payments
5. For the month we have a budget shortfall but Year to Date, budget is still OK
6. We hope to develop a plan for Tech and Property expenses so all of these do not happen at once
7. 3 year average—in comparison we are a little over in income, stable in expenses
8. TFR – We met the \$150 goal! We have renegotiated TFR to an 8 year loan now to the bank

Ministry Board Report: Michele

Are reviewing 4 questions---

1. What do we feel about Reopening? Anxious, confident?
2. What are we looking forward to? Communion
3. How will our Ministry be renewed?
4. What have we learned? We can do many things! Creativity!

Pastor's Report:

--We need to vote in Nominating Committee members at Feb Congregational meeting

--June 13 there will be a Lament ½ hour prayer service

--Have found a piece of art that is a metal tree that was quite beautiful. This would fit well with our message of being Deeply Rooted in a Boundless God. We would purchase this with Memorial money that has been given and is meant to be used. This could be a great way to remember people and there are many creative options to use this in the sanctuary.

Carolyn made a motion to approve to use the Memorial money to buy this item, Nancy 2nd and unanimous approval by VC

--June 27 will be Celebration of Pride month

--Pastor Josh is moving in June 16. Call Committee is planning some help

--Fireworks on July 4—everyone invited to Pastor Dianne’s house

--Pastor Mark and Marsha Holmen have moved to Duluth and would like to become members

--We are developing a relationship with Netta. Wonder—are we ready? Hope to take members there to get to know some of the people involved so when they come to church they would know some people.

--We will need to set aside a time to discuss this “hybrid” setting/ministry

--will be taking the last week of June off

Intern Report:

--Gathering on Zoom with high school and middle schoolers has ended but hope to do some in person gatherings

--Leading Wed evening Bible Study

--Have been preaching and did Trail Blessing

--Working with the Gardening team around the church and planning a gathering June 5 to plant

--Finished classes at Wartburg

--Continue to work with the Evangelism Team

Business:

1. Kelly's expanded hours have been approved. She is working with Aine and formalizing building use contracts. Working with Realm Accounting and Membership software.
2. Michael Fuchs and Brian and 2 Sound Techs hired and will need 1/Sunday. We will be up and working in July
3. Reopening: Dave informs us the plan is June 6. Goal will be 80 in the Sanctuary, all wearing masks, no singing. Questions of how to do communion have been addressed. Staff in the building are no longer masking. We have approved groups to again use the building. There was a wedding recently in the building.
4. Many groups use the building. Kelly will manage contracts, the calendar and space issues.
5. We will need to address how video equipment can be used by various groups and we will need to have fee schedules.
6. Community Garden: Logan and Steve has been working with Duluth gardening people and met with Starr. We are in process of design for raised beds. We could have a mix of height levels of raised beds. We will need a good Site Coordinator to communicate with the Duluth Gardening community
7. Live Stream: Permanent equipment likely will be installed in July. We will need some help. We are down to 2 people /Sunday in June.
8. Constitutional changes will be done at the June Congregational meeting.
9. Congregational meeting agenda for June was reviewed
10. Rick Curnow will help to form a tech committee and plan a budget for the tech equipment

Next Meeting: July 1, 2021 6-8 pm. Chapter 5 of White Fragility

Closing prayer: Carolyn

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy L. Rova, VC Secretary

