

FLC Vision Council Meeting August 4th 2022

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

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

Members Absent: Emilie Bowman, Carolyn Karsell

Opening Prayer: George

Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda made by George, Mark 2nd with unanimous approval.

Book Discussion: Beth. Chapter 1

When did you feel safe, or unsafe in a church setting?

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

Treasurer's Report: Led by Mary Dontje

1. Offerings for June 111% of plan
2. 94% of plan ytd
3. Expenses are down
4. Equals out
5. 90% of plan for expenses
6. Under Budgeted for heating
7. Most ppl are on new auto giving. Will reach out to ppl who are still on old auto giving
8. Not that far off from past 2 years
9. Time for renewal: no payment in May or June. July 3k principle interest

Ministry Board: No report

Pastor's Report:

-Lifelong Learning. Listening to parents regarding Sunday School. 2x a month (1st and 3rd Sunday). Service project on 2nd Sunday.

-potential bible study for parents in between services

-Meeting with other Duluthians in MN Council of Churches for Truth Telling Event

-Thank you card from Ann

Business:

1. Office Position

Posted on Northforce. Keep asking. Network.

2. Youth and Family Ministries.

1 Candidate Interviewed. Will interview again next Thursday. Keep networking.

3. International Rescue Committee

Already have a task group. They sponsor an asylum speaker. Is there another group who wants to step up? Not the best time to make another commitment? Ask if anybody has served? Polite to respond to invitation. Find someone who has connections. Big commitment. Andersons did this. (revisit in October)

4. Business Ethics, and Conflict of Interest Policy.

We don't have one, but the ELCA does! All we do is put our name in. then we will be in compliance. Mark moves, Mary seconds

5. Rental of Preschool Space by NE MN Synod.

This was also a Sunday School Space. Compromise. 3 or 5 yr lease? Would still like a preschool there, will need to network if so. Should there be a ministry? Space, equipment, and history. What does the neighborhood need? Someone with a business background. When is it doable? 12-1500 a month for monthly rent. Mark moves to motion, Amy seconds. Short lease to keep options open.

6. Lutefisk Dinner Fundraiser.

Has not happened since 2019. This previously had 150 volunteers. Volunteers have aged out. Pros: Gave \$18,000 to community partners in 2019. Identity in community. 1221 tickets.

Cons: Covid is still lingering. A lot of work. Insular. Just let lutefisk dinner die out?

New Idea- Community + Lefse Run. Dianne will talk to Clint from Duluth Running Co. How can we make the Lefse Run something more? To connect with people outside our walls. Meatballs?

7. Sunrise Cemetery Plots.

Thoughts? Why are they donating it? Gravesolutions.com

8. Next meeting

We will work on visioning, strength, weaknesses, opportunities, threats. Dianne will be recorder.

Open Forum- n/a

Closing Prayer: George

Next Meeting; September 13th 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy K. Merchant, VC Secretary