

FLC Vision Council Meeting May 5, 2022

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

Members Present: Dianne Loufman, Pastor; Nancy Rova, Secretary; Mary Dontje, Treasurer; Carolyn Karsell, President; George Rennan, Councilor-at-Large; Stephanie Lundorff, Councilor-at-Large; Beth Storaasli, Vice President;

Members Absent: Steve Samuelson, Past President;; Rick Curnow, Councilor-at-Large; Emilie Bowman, Ministry Board Chair;

Opening Prayer: Carolyn

Approval of the Agenda: With the addition that Beth will report on the Synod Assembly a *Motion to approve the agenda made by Beth, Mary 2nd with unanimous approval.*

Approval of the Minutes:

Beth motioned to approve the minutes, George second with unanimous approval.

Treasurer's Report: Led by Mary Dontje

1. A note in the Mustard Seed has been written re; the change in the Online Giving and need for those giving to check to be sure that they are actually giving and that it was registered correctly. Text to Give has also been difficult with recent changes. We will need to continue to educate the congregation.
2. March Income is still down.
3. Expenses at 86%; down as expected. Ministry teams are down as expenses do not come in monthly. The heating bill was double from the previous year. Year To Date we are about \$20K positive but the plan was to be \$24K positive.
4. 3 year Comparison—very similar to 2020
5. TFR -March was up about \$500 but is still low
6. We are looking for one more person for the finance committee.

Ministry Board: No report

Synod Assembly Report: Beth Storaasli

1. Holy Cow for Hunger---FLC gives to this and collected a nice sum this past year
2. Compensation Guidelines were given by the Synod
3. Strategic Planning –discussed 12 things of focus. A major focus was support for mental health issues
4. 3 Memorials voted on:

- a. Support Afghan Adjustment Plan Advocacy to Congregations—this passed fully
- b. Ukraine Support—this passed fully
- c. Support to decrease Green House emissions by 50% by 2030---mostly in favor

Pastor's Report:

--Ann Beck has finished her CPE –feel we should recognize this at the Congregational meeting

--Becky Kilgore will work through August but then will be done. She is willing to continue to do the Newsletter.

--Youth & Family – Beth will check with the potential candidate and keep that conversation open

--Welcome Desk –Need the VC to lead the congregation in this and be sure that new people are getting welcomed. Ideal is that we meet, get a name, have a small conversation and be able to write a card to them welcoming them.

--What can we put together to gather people? Dinners for 8? Chester Bowl Tuesday concerts? Glen Sheen on Wednesdays? Prayer Walks? Friday Eve Poetry and Chocolate?

--Property Update –Working on fixing lights in the sanctuary. Also need to trim some trees at the edge of the property

Business:

1. Alcohol Policy- we reviewed proposed policy and agreed on the policy with the following changes:
 - Outside groups must have their own insurance
 - Each request can be evaluated by Administration of church

Motion made to approve Alcohol policy as written with the changes discussed made by George, 2nd by Mary and all in favor.

2. Community Garden—need to follow up with Steve
3. Nominating Committee –updated on new VC members
4. Nancy will write a synopsis for the Mustard Seed

Study Book – Come Back Effect by Jason Young and Jonathan Malum

Closing Prayer: George

Next Meeting; June 2, 6-8 pm

Congregational Meeting: June 12, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy L. Rova, VC Secretary