

FLC Vision Council Meeting March 2nd 2023

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

Members Absent: Tyler Klingfus, Councilor-at-Large

Opening Prayer: Mary Dontje

Approval of the Agenda

- Mary first. Carolyn second. Agenda approved with unanimous approval

Property Committee

- Have not heard from them.

Book Study:

Pastor Dianne. Details?

What is missed? What do we get right?

Keep Detail List

Approval of the Minutes :

George first. Julie second. Unanimous approval.

Treasurer's Report: given by Mary Dontje

- Very good start to January
- Expenses down for January
- Time for renewal fund (TFR): Looks good. Making progress on this.
- Finance committee would like to put a table in the gathering space for several Sundays to help people with Realm. 1st one would be the 19th

Approval of the Report:

- Unanimous approval

Pastor's Report:

- Annual Meeting was good, but not as well attended
- Finn Fest will use Decc instead of here. Want to use organ
- Poetry soiree went well
- Lots of visitors. How do we connect?

Ministry Board

- Ministry fair more than once a year
- Just did an ecofaith summit

Follow Up From Annual Meeting

Table Conversations. (Important to note that the names you see are the table facilitators. The opinions listed may or may not reflect that person)

- Tyler had written conversations and emailed them prior to meeting due to not being here.
- Beth: table had 3 people. Excited about doing RIC. past time. Concerned about including voices of LGBTQIA. FLC can be a refuge
- Mary: positive feedback. Brenda Sproat. When she was president worked hard on the mission statement. Living out mission statement. What kind of changes?
- George: positive experience. FLC is a large congregation with lots to offer. All learn together as we take the next step. How can we be welcoming?
- Amy: support for youth, how can we hear less dominant voices?
- Dianne: Everyone at the table felt it was important. Especially for young people. Would be worried about having a gay pastor "promoting" that lifestyle
- Steve: didn't say anything negative. Table seemed hopeful. Growing the church. Responding to the gospel.
- Bob: started off positive. Mission of FLC. Wanted to know proper pronoun use. doing this puts people in categories. Can cause more internal issues. Did not agree, and tried to move on.
- Carolyn: timing. Have attended long enough and it's about time. Young generation is very in tune to this. Less of a big deal. Wondering about what would happen if they look different. Being spoken to is a way of feeling included.
- Mark: reflective group. Testimonials from older members who have LGBTQIA grandkids. Set the bar quite high. Lots of learning.

What is the next step?

- Give it to the task group?
- Assume that people are curious
- Need to let people have their time to learn
- Task group has a good handle on it.
- Task group has a bible study, and potential speakers. We need stories. We need changes that will happen. Pronouns

- Motion to request the task group to assist in this Mary first, Amy seconds. Unanimous Approval.

Call Committee:

- We have met
- Hopefully we will get portions of paperwork submitted by weekend
- Tuesday we will have meeting at 7PM

Personnel

- Granted 6 weeks for Ann to go on spiritual pilgrimage. She has 5 weeks off, and will gift her 2 weeks off. Will come back and work June, July, August.
- In recognition of 11 yrs of service
- Will have to put in time back at work, work a little bit, make a report, Mark Knutson recommended that.

Gift and Celebration for Ann

- Think about and come with ideas for next meeting

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- Racial justice group
- Training from episcopal church
- ELCA initiative
- Unanimous Approval

Welcoming the Bishop and Staff

- Plants
- Welcome Sign with Handprints
- Bring kids by to put handprints on and welcome the Bishop. Put by the top of the stairs. Markers

Review the Membership List

- We have an obligation as council to do this
- Print this out and do this in May

Closing Prayer

Next meeting is March 30th