

FLC Vision Council Minutes August 10th 2023

Members Present: Pastor Dianne Loufman, Pastor; Amy Merchant, Secretary; Julie Samuelson, Ministry Board Chair; Tyler Klingfus, Councilor-at-Large; Vice-President, Susanna Ojakangas; President Mark Boyce Linda Mettner, Treasurer; Bob Ardren; Councilor-at-Large; Kirsten Bich, Councilor-at-Large

Members Absent: Beth Storaasli, Past President;

Approval of the Agenda: Bob approves, Linda seconds, unanimous approval by oral vote

Approval of the Minutes: Kirsten approves, Linda seconds, unanimous approval by oral vote

Devotion:

Led by Pastor Dianne. One Coin Found. Prologue and Chapter 1. "We too are lost and dusty coins"

Pastor's Report:

- Have been working on connections, Pastor Dianne may need to be bridge until people build these connections
- Laura Stahl will take the lead on Sunday School

What do we want our church to look like?

This was a group discussion that will lead into goal planning and will be referred back to in future meetings.

What is important?

- Confirmation
- Sunday School
- Relational Ministry/Faith Journey
- Lost/Found Coin Conversation. Who are we not reaching? Who is feeling ignored and dusty?
- Vibrant and Spirit Filled

What do you want to feel?

- Seen
- Welcome
- At "home"
- Supported (have to know what to be able to do)
- Physically Safe
- Emotionally Safe
- Unconditional Love

How do we get to this place?

- Hold people accountable
- Be open to others new ideas
- Focus on relationship building

Treasurer's Report:

- Ash Wednesday is the first option listed for digital giving. Need to work on how this is formatted so people don't just select first option.
- June offering down compared to 2022
- 19,000 for light repairs in the sanctuary. This was from the Capital Improvement Fund (Endowment Fund)
- Debt Reduction Cash 37,000
- Debt Reduction cashed in CD
- Giving for debt reduction did go up
- Finance committee in need of one more member
- ERC money to come in May

Visioning:

- How are we supporting those in the congregation who may be lost/dusty coins?
- Connecting young families has been a goal in the past year. The last Sunday in August there will be a potluck for FLC Young Families at 4:30PM
- September meeting will include setting 3 or 4 different goals, and also steps taken to best achieve these goals.

Ministry Board:

- Application for a new action team. LSS Teen Closet
- Lifelong Learning Representative moved to the cities
- Local and Global Team will have their own ministry fair
- Things can be both let go and reborn
- Follow the energy!

How do we restructure from a pre-covid system that no longer serves the needs of our community

October will be "remodeling" month to see how to best do this.

Business:

- Ann Beck done August 27th
- Plans for coverage with reduced staff
- Who is going to help with middle school? Kirsten Bich, and Mark Boyce will be the point people. Need parents to step up.
- Community garden update: September 10th God's Work Our Hands will be building a raised bed garden. Steve Samuelson is heading this up.
- Chum needs office space for 5 people. \$300 per month. Julie makes motion, Mark second, unanimous approval
- Next meeting will be Thursday September 7th

Closing Prayer:

Pastor Dianne Loufman

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy K. Merchant, VC Secretary