

FLC Vision Council Meeting February 2nd 2023

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

Property Committee Representative: Chris Zupancich

Members Absent:

Opening Prayer: Mark Boyce

Approval of the Agenda

- Agenda approved with unanimous approval

Chris Zupancich Property Committee

- Need 4th member.
- Committee met recently to go over a list of projects.
- 2022: parking lot patching.
- 2020: research on lighting. Decided to stick with fluorescent lights as they are as cost effective as LED.
- Lights were just installed very recently
- New Projects in the Works: Carpeting in Lower Commons. Pulleys to get banners back up behind the altar. Lighting in the Chapel.
- One of the Radiators is out in the Sanctuary
- What input does the property committee want to have with the community garden?
- Acquire a list of vendors from Dwayne regarding different elements of his job.

Book Study: Mark Boyce

Recover Quickly. Something will go wrong. You are not Perfect.

Approval of the Minutes : Not able to approve. Amy will email minutes out with corrections and see if people have other feedback.

Treasurer's Report: given by Mary Dontje

- Expenses: Property expenses are still high as utilities are high right now.
- 3 year comparison shows us we are in a better place than years past
- Time for renewal fund (TFR): Looks good. Making progress on this. Will report Synod Rent as income and put all of it towards TFR.

Approval of the Report:

- Unanimous approval

Pastor's Report:

- Migrant justice team reached out to families to read When Stars are Scattered
- Big Band fundraiser had 120 people show up.

Ministry Board Report

- Good turn out at Ministry Fair

Annual Meeting

- Sunday February 12th
- Every vision council member will sit at a different table and discuss the Reconciling in Christ survey. We will let members know that the vision council will bring ideas back to the whole council. Ideally council members will be designated note takers.
- "Our table is excited about"
- "Our table is wondering about"
- Rather than livestream the meeting, we will record the meeting, and put it on the website for people to view later.
- Beth entertains motion to Video Record Meeting. George first, Bob second
- Need people to make food for the meeting. On the 12th we need people to help serve/set up. Need somebody to put soup on the stove.

Business Items:

Lefse Run

- proved to be successful.
- Thinking about next year on December 16th if we do it again.
- Duluth Running Co would like a photo op with Safe Haven.
- They had \$1,400. We have \$2,500. Safehaven number undetermined.

Synod Assembly

- April 28th-30.
- Amy Merchant Volunteered, need 1 more person

Call Committee

- Laura Stahl, Jane Worley, and Dave Haglin from the previous call committee volunteered to serve. Got an email from Nicole Feralin-Krause right before meeting saying she would be willing to serve.
- Church Constitution says 7 people are needed for call committee

Lent Giving

- The Gabriel Fund. Unanimous Approval

Lenten Suppers

- Vision Council is on charge of Dinner on March 1st

Confirmation

- Need to change Confirmation date due to Holy Land Trip.
- Dianne will talk to families and see if Pentecost Works. I
- If not, will check on June 4th.

Finn Fest

- In July, Duluth is home to Finn Fest
- First Lutheran is hosting worship for Finn Fest on Sunday July 30th

Background Checks

- Personnel Committee in charge of background checks

Property Committee

- Searching for a 4th member of the Property Committee. Ask the committee if they have any ideas.
- Can also ask at the annual meeting Put it out there in writing.

Next Meeting March 2nd, 6-8 PM.

Closing Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Merchant, VC Secretary