

## FLC Vision Council Minutes September 7th 2023

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

**Members Absent:** Kirsten Bich, Councilor-at-Large

**Devotion:** One Coin Found Chapter Two Beth Storaasli. Importance of ritual

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Susanna Ojakangas approves, Beth Storaasli seconds, unanimous oral approval

**Approval of last month's minutes:** Beth Storaasli approves, Susanna Ojakangas seconds, unanimous approval by oral vote

### **Pastors Report:**

- Square dancing at wedding reception. Would love to do it as a large church event.
- Yvonne Anderson put together a group of older women at Lakeshore who used to be involved with Bible Studies
- FLC putting together the Sankofa project- telling stories of BIPOC community with music and QR codes
- Will not take down or cover up the pride flag in the sanctuary due to our values. We speak out so other people can feel less alone, and feel inspired to act

### **Visioning:**

What do we want our church to look like?

Challenge: We don't know our people. Our people don't know each other.

What are our goals for this year based on our conversation at last month's meeting? Continue to figure out the relational aspect of finding the "lost coins" and getting them connected.

- Young Adults without Kids
- Older Women
- Women of FLC FB Group
- Online/Radio Listeners
- Men
- Young Families with Kids

Utilize groups on the church directory

- Figure out who the radio listeners are.
- Develop an online survey tool to better figure out who watches online

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- Identify relational groups
- Have summer plans established by end of January
  - potential ideas include VBS, Summer Camp, Family Picnic, Youth Trip to BWCA

Lefse Fun Run is going to be December 16th

Lefse Bake Times-

Morning of 12/16

10th and 3rd during church

Evening of the 17th

January Folk Dancing

Cider Press in Knife River?

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Millie Frey will be joining the finance committee
- Need to officially elect Linda Mettner as treasurer of the vision council. Beth Storaasli approves Mark Boyce seconds, unanimous approval by oral vote.
- Ministry offerings were up in July
- Retire the Debt Scorpions Money Tree is working

### **Ministry Board:**

- Did not meet

### **Business:**

- Ann Beck retired. Celebration went well
- Community Garden is leveled, waiting for the building boxes
- Kirsten and Mark will meet with Pastor Dianne regarding Middle School
- Call Committee. Note sent out to Bishop Amy regarding Release of Paperwork for first choice candidate
- Chum has rented 2 office spaces for 4 people. Has a fob. Only offices. 3rd floor first office. \$300 a month, and their own internet and own phones
- John wants to start a video team asking people what faith love community means to them.
- New office person (Jim Lundorf) is working well
- Foundation is exploring the idea of a speaker series

### **Closing Prayer:**

Pastor Dianne Loufman

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy K. Merchant, VC Secretary