

FLC Vision Council Minutes February 1st 2024

Members Present: Pastor Dianne Loufman, Pastor; Amy Merchant, Secretary; Susanna Ojakangas, Vice President; Mark Boyce, President; Bob Ardren, Councilor-at-Large; Julie Samuelson, Ministry Board Chair; Beth Storaasli, Past President; Kirsten Bich, Councilor-at-Large

Members Absent Tyler Klingfus, Councilor-at-Large

Devotion: One Coin Found Chapter Seven “Shut Up”

Do we view God as male or female?

Adoption of the Agenda: Kirsten Bich motion to approve, Bob Ardren seconds.

Approval of last month’s minutes: Kirsten Bich motion to approve, Beth Storaasli seconds.

Pastor’s Report

- Reading staff handbook aloud at staff meetings
- Annual report of stories done
- Poetry soiree well attended
- Middle school event of “Are You there God it’s Me Margaret” went well
- Karen and Paul Zimmerman have expressed interest in hosting an adult forum on worship leading
- There is a new member that may be a helpful person in regard to planning the Easter Vigil
- Vision Council is in charge of the Lenten Meal for Wednesday February 21st
- 40 volunteers from First Lutheran for the interfaith fundraiser for Palestine
- Big Time Jazz Orchestra Concert one week from today
- Susanna Ojakangas making banana bread for visitors
- According to visitors FLC is a welcoming, and inviting place
- We are in need of 4 more people for home visits
- If we add lower livestream numbers plus people at church, we are worshipping a total of 550 people. This is more than we were reaching pre-covid.

Treasurer’s Report

- December 2023 year to date
- Decreased mortgage debt by 50k
- Retire the debt there is a significant bump in payments
- Ended year with surplus of 43k
- 891k in offerings instead of 929k. This might have been due to the Retire the Debt Scorpion Cactus.
- Mission support plan for 2024 income and expense 10,488 deficit budget
- Budget includes 6 months of associate pastor
- Kirsten Bich approves, and Beth Storaasli seconds 2024 mission support, income and expense report

- Discuss retire-the-debt at the annual meeting. Total amount needed by Easter to burn mortgage \$18,353.50; Susanna Ojangangas will lead

Old Business

Parents Night Out Date Night

- Kirsten, Mark, Amy, and Pastor Dianne are volunteering
- Sunday February 4th from 4:30PM to 7:30PM

Folk Square Dance

- April 26th
- 6PM to 8PM

Palestine Interfaith Fundraiser

- Sunday February 18th

New Business

- Next meeting March 7th
- Mustard seed article due mid-February
- Susanna is leading discussion on One Coin Found Chapter 8

Annual Meeting Planning

- Each of us will be at a table
- Story reader, scribe, and reporter
- Tables, there for meal, ask for sign ups at table, need someone to get a photo of Walter Karlson and Chris Nemeth for Call Committee
- Bob and Tyler can cook bacon
- Mark will set up griddles, the rest of us can make pancakes
- Opening prayer, approval, 10 tables prophets
- Dianne goes over the time for annual meeting and how long each segment should take
- Everyone promises to send global ministry questions to Pastor Dianne

Next Meeting

- Thursday March 7th

Prayer

Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy K. Merchant, VC Secretary

