

Vision Council Minutes June 6th 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; Tyler Klingfus, Councilor-at-Large

Members Absent: Bob Boman, Treasurer

Devotion: Pastor Dianne. John 15. Being Rooted in the Vine.

- How do we abide?

Approval of the Agenda

Bob Ardren Motion to approve, Kirsten Bich seconds, unanimous approval by oral vote

Call committee update and next steps: Laura Stahl- Call committee chair

- Presenting candidate of call
- 2nd call candidate
- Laura Stahl motion to approve, Susanna Ojakangas seconds, unanimous approval by oral vote
- Will set-up Several meet and greets. Family friendly, older people, and a mix of different family ages.
- Call committee is now handing this over to the vision council per ELCA guidelines, but will still be a part of welcoming the candidate

Adoption of May Minutes: Julie Samuelson motion to approve Susanna Ojakangas seconds, Unanimous approval by oral vote

Pastor's report:

- Laura Bechard wants to host a BBQ for young families in her backyard this summer as the family has the space.
- Numerous visitors on Sunday June 2nd
- Fruitful conversations with the BIPOC community
- We think actions are small, but they are meaningful
- Building trust in greater Duluth community
- Seeing fruit of faithfulness

Treasurer's report:

- Property has been higher than budgeted
- Communications and marketing up for annual report, and a printing cost
- \$1,000 credit from the trash company

Nominating Committee Report:

- Bob Boman is finishing Linda Mettners term. This is a two year term so he will have an option to continue if he chooses.
- Diana Ream will be the Vice President
- Jody Grebinoski Councilor-at-Large for a 1 year term
- Carson Schroeder Councilor-at-Large for a 2 year term
- Steph Lundorff Councilor-at-Large for a 2 year term
- Julie Samuelson Councilor-at-Large Councilor-at-Large for a 1 year term
- 11-01, and 11-02. Discussion of bylaws in regards to the president and becoming past-president and staying on council.
- Kirsten Bich motion to approve, and Bob Ardren seconds, unanimous approval by oral vote

Old Business:

June 9th Congregational Meeting Breakfast

- Pancakes and Bacon
- Arrive at 8AM to start making food and setting up
- Agenda for the congregational meeting is below the minutes

Update on doors, windows, and carpeting:

- Waiting for carpeting.
- Doors June 13/14
- Windows have a backlog until October

Review Constitutional changes– Tyler Klingfus

General

- The Property Committee is removed from the Constitution. This is to eliminate the constitutional requirement for positions that have not been filled in the last several years and to align to the ELCA model Constitution
- Ministry board is eliminated. Composed today of 4 elected congregational members. These 4 spots roll up into VC At-Large positions.
- A 5th At-Large position is added to the VC to cover reporting responsibilities to the action teams in the 5 Ministry Areas.
- At-Large positions are responsible for connecting with and reporting to the council on the happenings and needs of their assigned Ministry. This is direct to the action teams. Ministry responsibilities of At-Large councilors are decided or assigned each cycle of elections, as often as annually.

Terms

- Secretary, Treasurer, and At-Large can serve 2 consecutive terms, but must be re-elected for a second term with a maximum of 2 consecutive terms.
- Re-eligible to serve after taking a break of at least one term length of 2 years.
- To begin in June 2024, 2 At-Large will be elected to serve a term of 1 year in order to stagger the terms of council for future.
- At-Large up for election in June 2024 – (2) 2 year At-Large terms, (2) 1 year At-Large terms

Positions

- Lead Pastor
- President
- Vice President
- Past President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- At-Large [Local & Global Missions]
- At-Large [Worship & Music]
- At-Large [Lifelong Learning]
- At-Large [Evangelism & Welcome]
- At-Large [Stewardship]

This will be put forth on Sunday June 9th at the Congregational Meeting.

It will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in February

Archives planning:

- Mark would like to table this. Other ways for archives to be demonstrated.
- Digitalization of this information
- Amy Merchant motion to approve, Susanna Ojakoangas seconds, unanimous approval by oral vote

Community Garden:

- Sunday June 9th
- Dirt is ready to be put to use!
- Put up raised beds

New Business:

- Thank you card, gift, and acknowledgement to Gail Tate for years of service to FLC community
- Installation of CPE student Sunday at worship

Installation of new leaders and photos of all after worship

Pastor Dianne Loufman adjourns us with a prayer

Congregational Election meeting Sunday June 9. 9AM with breakfast

Respectfully Submitted.

Amy K Merchant

AGENDA FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Breakfast

Welcome and Opening Prayer @ 9:15 (Mark Boyce)

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the Minutes of February annual meeting

Pastor's Report: Dianne

Introduction of CPE student, Tim Krieg

Thank you to departing Vision Council members

Finance Report: Bob Boman

NEMN Synod meeting notes – Susanna Ojagangas, Mark Boyce

Constitutional changes presented to be voted on in February– Tyler Klingfus

Nominating Committee Report and Election- Steve Samuelson

Update from Call Committee- Laura Stahl

Closing Prayer- Susanna Ojaknagas

Gail Acknowledgement and Gift Card