

Council Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2023

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 AM by President Steve. Those present were Pastor Charlane Lines, Steve Bennett, Amanda Hawkins, Karen Idler, Bob Linkugel, Jack Harris, Rick Brown and Betty Noreen.

Devotions

Bob led the discussion on Chapter Five of *Growing Young*, "Fuel a Warm Community...Warm is the New Cool." Some of the values from this chapter are being welcoming, fostering family-like personal relationships, and offering small groups but not too structured, along with belonging, caring, hospitable, unconditional acceptance, intergenerational relationships, mentoring through involvement, and faith passed around. This was an affirming chapter for FLC. Pastor noted that most visitors decide within the first 2 minutes whether they will return, and they need to meet at least one person who could possibly be a good friend. Amanda noted that our online presence needs to be equally welcoming. She also suggested having a monthly "Youth Sunday." Karen will lead the discussion of Chapter Six next month.

Men's Group

Rob Oberbruner gave an overview of the men's group and noted that four council members present were active in this group. He shared that the group really feels like family in their caring for one another. People outside of the church have remarked to him that they appreciate the men's group's presence in the community. He appreciates the council's support and presence in their meetings.

Mission, Vision and Values

Karen read the vision, mission and values statements.

Minutes

The minutes from July 16 were distributed by email prior to the meeting. Karen noted that she was present at the meeting but did not see her name. Upon motion by Bob and second by Jack, the minutes as amended with Karen's name were approved unanimously.

Executive Reports

President: Nothing new.

Treasurer: Lisa's report was distributed by email prior to the meeting. Pastor will ensure that the missing "inserts" have been included. She met with John, Lisa and Karen to initiate a stewardship program for October. There were no further questions.

Pastor: Submitted her report by email prior to the meeting. She requested prayers for the church and synod.

Old Business

Property updates:

Water Leak to Education Building: Michelle Hamil spoke with “Cool” but could not get a written estimate. “Hoppers” was contacted, and we are waiting for a bid to replace the water line just up to the concrete. Trenching is required and could be outside of the bid. Neighbor property owner is fine with our accessing his property if needed.

Doors: The contractor Mark Gentry did not want the work. Jack will contact Jan Halderman, a local major contractor, who might be available. Steve suggested Mike Phillips, who has done work for FLC before and might be availability.

Cabinet Doors: Franklin, Stacy Hogsett’s son, has offered to rebuild all doors on cabinets in the kitchen and replace hinges. He is presenting a proposal to the men’s group for consideration.

Fountain Pump: The water pump has burned out and needs to be replaced. This will require rocks being removed, which could be a youth project. Jack will get the necessary parts.

Dead Tree: Thank you to Gail Parn, who coordinated removing the tree at a cost of \$600.00, which was very reasonable.

Congregational Survey Follow Up: Pastor’s plan for this fall (October or November) is to invite 40-ish and younger members for an evening of conversation and dessert off campus, perhaps at a member’s home. Amanda was suggested to attend as a council member.

New Business

Prayer and Healing Ministry: Ann Linkugel asked the Council for prayer requests. Comfort is needed for those who are grieving the recent passing of Barbara Cowan and Megan Long and Sammy McCann. Also prayers for unspoken challenges that some are facing right now. Pastor will send a note to Ann.

Sunday School Starting Again: We are encouraging FLC members who do not have children in Sunday School to participate to broaden the children’s experiences with other members and encourage intergenerational relationships.

Appreciation for Shelly Osuna: We expressed our appreciation for the excellent job she is doing. She created an effective signup list for coffee hour. She is organizing the office and creating a handbook for her position. Her birthday was last Thursday. Pastor will get her a Starbucks gift card and express the Council’s appreciation.

Appreciation for Lauren Achen: We also expressed our appreciation for the work Lauren has done with our youth. We will acknowledge her efforts with a scholarship contribution to her school. Pastor will follow up with this by email to the Council members.

Adjourn

Upon motion by Bob and second by Jack and with unanimous agreement, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Betty Noreen