

Council Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2023

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM by President Steve. Present were Pastor Charlane Lines, Steve Bennett, Karen Idler, John Van Auken, Lisa Achen and Betty Noreen. We did not have a quorum.

Lauren Achen Appreciation

Lauren came to express her appreciation for the \$2,000 donation

Melia Borruso, Youth Education

Melia coordinates the Youth Ministry and submitted a detailed written report (attached). She gave a thorough presentation in church this morning and met with the council to discuss any question and to get feedback. Elementary school children have Sunday School at 9:00 AM, usually 3 attend. Middle and High School youth have varied group activities with adult chaperones. The council expressed great appreciation for Melia and the other participating adults and also for Melia's contribution to our worship music and for her lovely flute accompaniment this morning.

Devotions

Betty led devotions with a discussion of Chapter 7 of *Growing Young*, "Be the Best Neighbors (Loving and Shaping Your World Well). A notable quote from a District Church youth, "I didn't need to be looking for Jesus or a church to find them. They were out there doing their thing (doing good work)." Good neighbors cross economic, ethnic and cultural boundaries. They are hospitable, compassionate, patient, courageous, equitable and wise. We have been or currently are involved in many of the suggested actions. Jack Harris will lead the discussion of Chapter 8 next month, the final chapter.

Prayer by Pastor Charlane

Mission, Vision and Values

Steve read the vision, mission and values statements.

Minutes

The minutes from September 17 were distributed by email prior to the meeting. There were no corrections, and they will be formally accepted at our next meeting.

Executive Reports

President: None.

Treasurer: Lisa's reports were distributed by email prior to the meeting. The large deficit this month was attributed primarily to an extra pay period, high expenses (water line repair) and Lauren's donation. Lisa is working with our accountant to clarify designated funds reporting and processing with the goal of transparency and accountability.

Pastor: Submitted her report by email prior to the meeting. Additionally she is stepping down as Dean of the Conference as of November 1st. She is chairing the Planning Team for the next Synod Assembly. We commended Pastor for her good job planning the last conference. No one has signed up for the Youth Gathering this summer or for the Mt. Cross retreats.

Old Business

Property updates:

Doors: Rick Brown had a conversation with contractor Ken Pense. Ken will take off the inside molding (perhaps today) and work with us to decide on a design for the new doors. He has connections to fabricators and will work with us as a contractor on installation, either fabricated or prefabricated. Pastor expects a report from Ken within the next two weeks.

Scouts: The Scouts do not pay rent, but there is an understanding that they will help with regular property clean up under the supervision of their adults. Becky Stonestreet will work with Pastor to coordinate a schedule that works for the Scouts. Michelle Hamil will be included in the planning.

Meeting with 49ish and under members: (This discussion took place prior to devotions.) Pastor met with 7 adults who came to the park discussion, most in their 40's. Pastor posed three questions: Why do you come to FLC? Are your needs being met? What can we do better? Ideas that surfaced: youth mentors and prayer partners, supper club, small groups. Melia Borouso described FLC as a boutique church.

Stewardship Campaign: Board members John, Lisa and Karen are on this team. Thank you for including the representative from Gathering Inn today in worship.

New Council Members: Jack will stay on if absolutely needed but might be on his second term. Lisa will stay on only if needed. Bob is in his second term and will be off. Rick may be in his 2nd term. Steve spoke with Susan Sarantopoulos and Erick Liske, but both declined. We will be intentional about including a youth member. We will commit to thinking, asking and praying about new members.

New Business

Labor of Love: This ministry is disbanding and giving away their assets. Nadine (Colleen Hogan's sister) has a church quilting group in Citrus Heights and might take the extra fabric. Pastor has asked their leadership what they would like to do with the \$3,000 designated funds, perhaps for a new project. Ultimately the Council will decide where those funds will go. Next month we will be discussing meal ministries.

Prayer requests for the Prayer and Healing Ministry: Betty will pass the following prayer requests to the prayer team: Please pray for prospective new Council members.

Adjourn

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

Pastor read a text from Nick Nunalee sending his love and support for the FLC community and expressing his prayers for us and for Israel and for the world, and his appreciation for the work we are doing on behalf of humanity.

Respectfully submitted
Betty Noreen