

FLC Annual Meeting 1-23-22

Opening Devotions: Pastor Charlane

Meeting was called to order at 11:25 am by Melia Borruso

Establishment of Quorum: Total Members Present: 46 people, See attendance Sheet

Approval of Jan 14, 2021 Annual Meeting MINUTES:

Motion from Michelle Hamil and seconded by Franca Jones.

No discussion. Voice vote. Unanimously accepted. No abstentions.

Approval of Nov 14, 2021 special congregational meeting minutes.

Motion made by Julie Hettig and seconded by Rick Brown.

No discussion. Voice vote. Unanimously accepted. No abstentions.

LOOKING BACK:

President's Report—Melia Borruso: as published in the Annual Report

“We are a People of peace and hope despite despair from every level. Our church is deeply rooted in rich strong earth.”

Pastor's Report— Pastor Charlane: as published in the Annual Report

Not enough ministry volunteers, occurring across synods. Everywhere. There are Opportunities!!

KUDOS to our congregation, which has continued to work to be community together in 2021, despite the challenges of a second Covid year. Looking forward to continuing our work together in 2022

Youth Director Position Update:

Committee formed end of December, 2021.

6 – 12th grade ministry position is open and budgeted for.

In the meantime, Wednesday evenings youth group 8th grade and up. Jason Call and Lauren Achen stepped in to lead.

Discussion ensued regarding how the current youth activities are being advertised.

It was mentioned that we need more parents involved in leadership with the younger kids. All volunteers must be fingerprinted.

Property Update:

The Property committee and Council have done a tremendous job this year bringing much needed upgrades to property based on Congregational Priority List compiled in early 2021. Thanks to Franca Jones for initiating landscaping projects. Due to vigilance by Pastor Charlane, Michelle Hamil, Carol Davies, and Men's Group, property issues have been dealt with as they arise. (Examples such as disabled parking signs, etc. Available in Council Minutes)

Question: At last year's annual meeting it was mentioned that the doors on the sanctuary building would be replaced. Have the doors been pre-empted by outside siding project?

Answer: Sort of. Due to illness of contractor and supply chain challenges, the doors have been put on the back burner. The siding project was able to move forward so energy and resources have been directed to that project.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed lease to the Fire Department. The cost to the church will be \$0. The MVFD building project is subject to the passage of a bond. If the bond does not pass, the lease between FLC and the MVFD will not occur.

Treasurer's Report.—Lisa Achen. as published in the Annual Report

Budget includes a new line item for paying back the loan that FLC took out for the sanctuary siding project. As per the Special Congregational Meeting in November 2021, the council initiated an \$80,000, unsecured loan from a private lender. The intention is to pay back in 5 years. The money will be paid back out of the general giving each month, but people are certainly welcome to make designated gifts to the capital fund that can help in the paying down of the loan. Arlan Deutsch committed \$2000 at the meeting to encourage others to donate.

Question regarding increase in taxes and fees—property taxes are going to go up this year due to use of part of the sanctuary building by Kid's Place.

Budget includes amount to be set aside each month for a replacement copier that will need to be purchased in the next couple of years.

Line 424 book-keeper needs to be 103.85 (based on \$675/month as fees are being increased) This item has been corrected .

2% inflation cost increase was budgeted as a flat line item.

Day Camp Budget is 50% less: Last summer using our own congregants to staff and lead the camp was successful and significantly less expensive so we will repeat that in 2022.

Kids Place on site is a tremendous ministry and outreach. Gratitude to Pastor Charlane for this leadership. Kids Place has made upgrades to Nursery and pays a monthly fee to cover utilities, this will be reviewed and revised annually and as needed.

Motion to approve budget from Barbara Wauters and seconded from Bob Linkugel.
No more discussion. Voice vote. Unanimously accepted. No abstentions.

Council Members: 3 positions are open for new council members. Only one has come forward at this time. Steve Bennett is willing to serve.

Vote by ballot. Unanimously accepted. No abstentions.

Steve will be installed at a future date.

Julie offered testimonial of good experience with being on council, inspiring, hopeful and strengthening to be part of council, with remote attendance making it possible, even while traveling.

Special thanks was offered to outgoing council members Franca Jones, Bruce Broadwell, and Melia Borruso for their service.

Additional Thanks:

To Carol Davies for all her work with multiple projects, technology assistance and support for members, Janis Kern for on-going volunteer work in the office and all FLC Council members for their ongoing work.

Meeting adjourned at 12:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Julie Hettig

Approved 1/22/2023