

Flossmoor Community Church

Meeting Minutes from the
March 22, 2022 Governing Board Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Attendees

Governing Board (GB, Board) members present: Anna Carvalho, Karen Cheung, Rebecca Courington, Kenny Maxie, Bob Norby, Jackie Riffice, Terese Thrall, Donica Van Voorhees

FCC Staff members present: Jamie Ford, Pastor Julie Van Til

Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was shared by Anna Carvalho.

Approval of Minutes

Anna called for a motion for the approval of the minutes from the January 2022 GB meetings and the February 2022 GB meeting. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Norby stated that the Church currently has approximately \$250,000 in available cash. He also stated that FCC presently has 126 pledges totaling \$529,576. Bob added that our expenses for the month/year are tracking well. He ended with the declaration that Finance committee member, Dan Laven, will be working with Jamie Ford and Judy Jensen to audit the Church's finances.

Pastor/Head of Staff Report

Pastor Julie began by asking the Governing Board to keep Verna McQuown in our prayers as Verna was preparing for surgery. She informed the GB that a search for a Pastoral Care Assistant will be conducted. Pastor Julie stated that Rob Calhoun and Jeff Hamrick are working well for Music Ministries. She expressed happiness at being able to deliver Lenten sermons.

New Business

Approval Mask (Optional) Policy

- Jamie Ford stated that four attendees of FCC, who recently tested positive for COVID-19, did not spread the virus to the Church. It was also determined that the four attendees were not infected at FCC.
- The Flossmoor Community Church Pre-School currently remains masked until a decision regarding the matter is made by the Church.
- Regarding the potential approval of the Mask Optional policy, a proposal was made to include an area of the Sanctuary for masked attendees.
- Anna expressed confidence, based on the current Cook County COVID-19 numbers, in the potential Mask Optional policy.
- Regarding Pastor Julie's inquiry about the potential of FCC going back to requiring masks, it was suggested that this decision would be based on CDC hospitalization rates.
- Anna called for motion to approve the Mask Optional policy for the Church. The motion was approved.

Approval of Columbarium Committee

- The policies of the FCC Columbarium require review by a committee.
- Anna called for a motion to reestablish the committee for the Columbarium. The motion was approved.

Approval of Faith-In-Action Grants

Jackie Riffice provided a report on the distribution of funds to the agencies supported by the Faith-In-Action committee. She stated that the distributions would be supplemented by funds originally intended for the PADS program. The supported agencies and their allocated funds are as follows:

1. Anew – \$2000.00
2. Bethel Facility – \$4500.00 (helping people to find work and become self sufficient)
3. The Center for Food Equity and Medicine – \$500.00 (We provide space for this group in the Community Center and we perform 3-4 food drives a year for them).
4. Jones Memorial Center – \$4000.00 (This group's activities are now expanded to 100 kids).
5. Respond Now – \$3000.00
6. Restoration Ministries – \$6500.00 (provided to continue English classes to Spanish speaking families)
7. You Matter Too – \$500.00 (to purchase tools for the G.E.M.S. program which is also hosted at FCC).

Jackie called for a motion to approve the distribution of the aforementioned monies: The motion carried.

Jackie thanked the Board for its approval of a special offering for PADS and Aunt Martha.

Miscellaneous

Anna advanced the subject of the Governing Board End-of-Year Potluck dinner by inquiring about a potential host for the event and a preferred date. Pastor Julie, who volunteered her home, will determine a date for the potluck. Jamie proposed the use of the Community Center as (rain) backup site for the dinner.

Old Business

Anna provided an update on the Anti-Racism initiatives of FCC.

The positives and negatives of the recently-held Systemic Racism meeting, involving CROAR, were discussed.

Discussions on the book, *Reparations: A Christian Call for Repentance and Repair*, are planned for May and June of this year.

Spiritual Development

Pastor Julie led a Lenten discussion on the Howard Thurman book, *Jesus and the Disinherited*.

Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was shared by Bob Norby.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Minutes submitted by Felton Maxie