

Flossmoor Community Church

Governing Board Meeting MINUTES Tuesday, April 23, 2019 – 7:00 pm – FCC Family Room

2019: FCC's Year of Caring, Community, and Congregational Engagement

Members Present: Stephanie Byrd, Sharon Dobben, Dana Dolan, Linda Gilley, Lois Glasgow, Esther Jenkins, Christian Kneeland, Vanessa Richardson, Chris Riedel, Phyliss Royster, and Rosanne Goodrich-Schutz.

Staff: Pastor Fred Lyon, Betsy Hanzelin

Members Excused: Theresa Gibbons, Rick Hanzelin, Betty Jo Norby, Tim Sullivan, Jennifer Wojcikowski

OPENING PRAYER

Shared by Phyliss Royster

JOYS & CONCERNS

Were shared

DEVOTION - Led by Dana Dolan

“We are an Easter People” Devotional Exercise – Questions:

- 1) What does the resurrection and new life in Christ mean to you? What are you looking for?
- 2) What is one way you would like to grow in faith or put your faith in action as an “Easter Person”?
- 3) What is one new way Flossmoor Community Church can be an agent of resurrection – by making a difference in our community or world this year?

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from March 19, 2019

Motion presented, granted. Minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Chris)

- We are tracking slightly below budget on the income side and will reassess after Easter.
- We are generally tracking to the budget on the expense side.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- **Outreach Discussion** (Esther)
 - **FCC Diversity Dinner Recap**
 - Several FCC members participated in this year's dinner, in addition to FCC's sponsorship, and the discussions were productive and positive. We hope to get FCC Youth and more church members involved next year.
 - **April 7 “What's Your Passion?” Meeting Takeaways**
 - The Board of Outreach Ministries (BOM) held a discussion to learn more about church member's areas of passion for hands-on volunteering and mission work.
 - Key areas of interest included the Cancer Support Center, tutoring community children, shopping for elderly neighbors, supporting veterans, and using social media communications to get the greater community involved.

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- BOM hopes to organize quarterly hands-on volunteer opportunities for the congregation and community.
- **Joint LRVC/GB Planning Meeting – Recap and Next Steps** (Dana)
 - A March 31st joint working session of the Long-Range Vision Committee and the GB Chair, GB Personnel representatives and the GB Finance Chair met to discuss future church hopes and opportunities – and aligning future church staffing needs.
Next steps included:
 - Assessing current FCC Board/Committee challenges and opportunities,
 - Staff to complete a self-assessment or workshop on their roles and opportunities, and
 - Working on “FCC Future Church Plan” to guide spiritual and congregational growth.
- **Personnel Update** (Sharon)
 - Personnel will be interviewing candidates for Director of Church Operations in May.
 - Personnel is reviewing resumes for Interim, Assistant to the Pastor for Pastoral Care.

PASTOR’S REPORT (Fred)

- Pastor Fred announced that he will end his service as Senior Pastor to Flossmoor Community Church on April 19, 2020.
- Nominating will be working on forming a Pastor Search Committee, per the Constitution guidelines.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Bring a Friend to Church Sunday – May 12 (Mothers’ Day)
- Next GB Meeting – Tuesday, May 28 – 7:00 pm
- Annual Board/Committee Reports due to Betsy – June 5
- Elder Fest – Sunday, June 9 – 11:00 – 12:00 pm – Fellowship Hall
- Congregational Meeting – Sunday, June 23rd – 11:00 am

CLOSING PRAYER (Vanessa)

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Meeting Adjourned at 8:38 pm.

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Board of Christian Education Report to the Governing Board

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES:

Highlights:

May was great!

- 6th graders "graduated" with a nice little ceremony
- Sunday funday was beautiful and very fun!
- teachers were recognized and thanked

Hopes:

Summer is being planned as we speak!

- woohoo Wednesdays are scheduled
- VBS is scheduled
- registration forms for VBS went up online on Wednesday and promoted on FB on Friday. People are already responding and filling out forms!
- volunteers are needed! Pls check the volunteer form online!!

WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

- The school year is drawing to a close. End of the year picnics will be held on Thursday and Friday, May 22 & 23. The teachers will meet for a workday on Friday, May 24 to "close up" equipment and classrooms for the summer.
- Registration continues for the 2019 – 2020 school year. There are a few openings in some schedules in the 2 – 5-year-old classes and registration has begun for the Parent/Toddler class for 18 month – 3-year olds. Interested parents should contact the preschool office for information.
- Marji attended the NINPA (Northern Illinois Nature Preschool Association) board of directors meeting May 14 at Morton Arboretum. The board is finalizing the Midwest Early Childhood Educator Symposium we are sponsoring at Morton Arboretum on June 1. The 175 registration openings have "sold out" and we are looking forward to networking with other early childhood educators and productive discussions and presentations on "Lessons from the Forest: How Great Programs Place Nature at the Heart of their Curriculum".
- A Teachers' Luncheon was held Thursday, May 16. The WPPA provided a lovely luncheon and gifts for the teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week and as a Thank You for a great year.
- The "Green team" coordinated a classroom composting project completed a project collecting 200 pounds of caps for a "Buddy Bench" for the playground. One of the WPPA volunteers will deliver them over the summer and pick up the completed bench when it is finished.
- Erin Keigher is wrapping up her visits to the 2 and 3-year-old classrooms each week, (It is every other week schedule for the children), for a Language & Literacy circle time. The children look forward to her visits. She provided resource materials from the speech and language screenings for teachers prior to parent/teacher conferences.
- Marji met individually with each of the teachers in April & May to evaluate the past year and set goals and plans for the coming 2019 - 2020 school year.
- This will be my last report as Director. I will be stepping down from the director's position but will remain on staff teaching five mornings.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Highlights:

- Youth Group ended on 5/5 for the school year.
- We're currently interviewing staffers for next year and putting together our teams for the Youth Leadership Team for 2019-2020
- Working on Senior Narthex & Senior Recognition Sunday Slideshow

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Hopes:

- Senior Recognition Sunday is 6/2
- Work Trip to VA leaves Saturday 6/2
- Church at the Beach on Sunday 7/14 (more information to follow)

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education concluded with a well-attended Bible Study using Rachel Held Evans' Inspired. We also assisted the Diaconate presentation with a Flossmoor Fire Department Paramedic who explained usage File of Life cards. Plans for next year's programming and an on-line evaluation of this year's programs are in the works. I met with Betsy Hanzelin and incoming Chair Jessica Groen last week to evaluate and plan for the coming year.

Submitted by Linda Gilley, Chair

Nominating Committee

Report to the Governing Board

Highlights

- The committee has been hard at work finalizing final placements for the slate
 - As of 5/20 there are still 5 openings on various boards
 - Additionally, we have been tasked with prayerfully finding candidates for the Pastoral Search Committee
- Hopes
- To finalize the 2019 slate to be voted on at the June Governing Board meeting
 - To finalize the Pastoral Search Committee to be voted on at the June Governing Board meeting

Submitted by Theresa Gibbons, chair

Report of the Board of Outreach Ministries

To the Governing Board

May 28, 2019

Highlights

- BOM voted by email to give GB \$650 for the FCC sponsorship/participation in the Lighthouse Pride Party

Submitted by Esther Jenkins, chair

"No Report"

Congregational Life, Betty Jo Norby
Diaconate, Phyliss Royster
Focus Elder, Rosanne Goodrich-Schutz