

# Flossmoor Community Church

## Annual Meeting of the Congregation

### July 17, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Governing Board Chair, Shari Sweeney, at 10:58 a.m.

A quorum was present. Shari Sweeney offered the opening prayer.

#### **Annual Meeting of the FCC Foundation:**

In the excused absence of the Foundation Chair, Lois Glasgow, Craig Yoder conducted the Annual Meeting of the Foundation. Craig informed the congregation that the Foundation is a separate legal entity of the Flossmoor Community Church and as such each church member is also a member of the Foundation, which provides support for the vital ministries of the church through managing our endowments. The minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Foundation were approved. Two additional Foundation Board members were approved. Craig announced the goals of the Foundation for the upcoming year. The Annual Meeting of the Foundation was adjourned.

#### **Annual Meeting of the Congregation:**

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept as written the Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Congregation.

As required by our Constitution the Annual Report of Boards, Committees and Staff was presented. A motion was made, and seconded to accept this report. The motion carried.

Tom Gilley, Chair of the Finance Committee and Church Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Proposed Budget for the 2016-17 Church Fiscal Year. A motion to grant ongoing authority to continue spending at the same levels from the end of fiscal year 2016-17 (June 30) to the time of the 2017 Annual Meeting was made, seconded and approved. A suggestion was made by Paul Erickson that the congregation be informed on a quarterly basis on the financial status of the church.

Karen Hoag, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the Nominating Slate for 2017-2019. Due to errors in the printed copy distributed, a motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed slate, *as corrected*, of Elders, Board and Committee members. The motion carried.

Shari Sweeney recognized and thanked all of the sitting Governing Board Members whose terms were ending this month.

As a result of a 2004 revision in our Church Constitution, all chairs of Boards/Committees automatically become Elders of the Church. The Governing Board recently voted to "grandfather" in as Elders 10 church members who served the church as chairs of Boards/Committees before this change. Consequently Shari Sweeney announced the addition of 10 new Elders, subsequent to the GB vote. These include: Carole Brejcha, Peggy Butler, Dortha Brown, Kay Sue Nagle, Dona Salyer, Lori Whitney, Beth Samargin, Pam Marks, Julie Lindstrom and Sis Flor. These new Elders will be installed along with the other new Elders, on Sunday, August 21, 2016.

Shari Sweeney, as Chair of Governing Board, presented comments on the past and upcoming year including the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary, our 16 new members and building our membership, pledging/financial challenges, Outreach (Resettlement project), search for a Director of Children's Ministries, exploring what it means to "cherish diversity" as a congregation, and encouraging church members in their service to the church.

Senior Pastor Fred Lyon presented comments on the past and upcoming church years. This coming year 2017 marks the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Flossmoor Community Church. Plans are underway for this celebration. Pastor Fred Lyon updated the congregation on the Resettlement Project with hopes of welcoming a refugee family soon. Flossmoor Community Church hopes to continue outreach to the community through the use of the Community House for groups outside of the church. Pastor Fred Lyon recognized Belinda Lowery for her service to the church through Children's Ministry.

Pastor Fred Lyon offered the closing prayer.

A motion was made, seconded and accepted to adjourn the 2016 Annual Meeting of the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Durkin  
Secretary pro-tem of the Governing Board

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## Minutes of the Mid-Year Congregational Meeting, 1/29/17

At 12:20 pm- Shari opened the meeting with prayer and thanks

Approval of Minutes from 1/2016 Mid-Year Meeting (Shari)

Minutes approved with no corrections

Report from Pastor Fred (including Strategic Planning Meeting)

Pastor highlighted recent activities and plans including upcoming Governing Board and staff strategic planning meeting on March 4. On Wednesday, February 15, there will be a listening session in the Community House by the Presbytery of Chicago about what is going on in the community (Chicago Southland). Our refugee family is in place.

Finance Report (Chris R.)

Budget is in reasonable shape right now. Pledge collections above YTD budget (but below last year, as budgeted). Overall offerings also above YTD budget. Total revenue 51% so slightly better than budget.

Question: aggregated utility discounts available?

Nominating Committee – Approve Board/Committee Replacements to Fill Recent Vacancies (Shari)

Motion carried to approve the following nominations:

- Esther Jenkins as chair of the Board of Outreach Ministries, with term ending in 2017
- Sharon Madderom as member of the Nominating Committee with term ending in 2019
- Bradley Byrd as member of the FCC Foundation, with term ending in 2019
- Joyce Grant as member of the Board of Outreach Ministries with term ending in 2017
- Chip Young as a member of Lay Ministries with term ending in 2018

Properties Committee – Facilities Report (Sue Detrick, Jenny)

Jenny reported on the facilities study, which updates a 2002 study and provides a blueprint for the next 15-20 years with recommendations on timing of funding and activities. The goal is to avoid emergencies by phasing projects and focus on preservation and enhancement.

90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (Betty Jo)

FCC was founded in February of 1927; the 90<sup>th</sup> celebration will take place Feb 24 and will be free to attend for the congregation. Please sign up on paper, online, or call Betsy.

LRV - Update On Diversity (Shari)

Shari: Last spring, the Long Range Vision Committee was tasked by Governing Board with exploring more fully what it means to be a church where “diversity is cherished.” Among the adult education programs that have developed out of those discussions: Pastor Fred led two discussion classes that addressed general aspects of diversity. Don lead a two-part series on racism involving group discussion, and Race Talk on Tap has met once at Grape and Grain, for guided discussion by Rebecca Pugh and Andrea Denney. The plan is that those sessions will continue. Our “One Book, One Church” book in February, “Waking up White” by Debby Irving, will give us a chance to further explore our understanding of, and attitudes toward, race. Finally, in March, LRV members will be leading four more Sunday adult education sessions focused on diversity including “Grace

Amid Political Turmoil – addressing political diversity,” diversity relating to LGBTQ topics, diversity issues involving disabilities such as mental health, physical and communication impairments, and a wrap-up discussion relating to the question “Is diversity threatening...from Threat to Healing.”

Esther Jenkins reported on the planned showing of the Netflix documentary film “13<sup>th</sup>,” which explores the 13<sup>th</sup> amendment from slavery to mass incarceration, on Sunday, February 12, at 4 pm in the Chapel.

#### Resettlement Project (Denise)

Focus elder Denise: reported that the refugee family FCC is sponsoring arrived November 9. The committee did everything: picked them up at the airport, readied their apartment, arranged a visiting schedule to get them settled. Communication is difficult with Arabic speakers; Google translate works sometimes. Denise provided extensive information about the family – mom and dad and three young children – their background, and their experiences over many years fleeing Syria and ultimately making their way to the US and Chicago. Denise described what is still needed/not needed and plans to continue their support.

#### Questions?

Announcement: Dana – survey deadline today; please respond

Hymn 22; Blessing (Fred)

Adjourned: 1:02 pm