

## DRAFT MINUTES

Flossmoor Community Church  
January Congregational Meeting  
Sunday, January 28, 2018 @ 12pm

### Greeting and Opening Prayer (Shari Sweeney)

12:18 PM Shari called meeting to order, established a quorum, and opened the meeting with prayer. She confirmed we will have two congregational meetings going forth: January and June.

### Approval of Minutes from July 16, 2017, Annual Meeting (Shari)

A motion to dispense with reading the minutes of the July 2017 Annual Meeting passed. A motion to approve the minutes passed.

### Pastor's Report (Fred)

This year, FCC has had positive local press and new members and visitors. Strategic planning initiated in the spring has guided recent efforts, especially use of Community House to engage the community. FCC added another PADS night to respond to community need, coordinating with other churches to host in FCC space. One effort to address financial challenges is Pastor Fred's "Pad the Plate" challenge to encourage increased weekly plate giving.

### Stewardship Campaign Update (Janet Bolton)

Janet reiterated the themes of her report from last week, highlighting how pledges and financial giving support the basics in the budget that undergird volunteer-supported activities, e.g., the MLK day for PADs. She expressed her commitment to Pad the Plate.

### Finance Report and Approval of Budget for 2018 Fiscal Year (Chris Riedel)

Closing the year and budgeting for the new year has been complicated because of changing fiscal year to a calendar year. Pledges are trending down over recent years. The Finance Committee proposes a non-deficit budget for the first time in several years. Three areas are proposed to increase revenues: plate offerings; wedding income; Community House sharing fees. Fourth area: dormant restricted accounts will be consolidated and drawn down creating a onetime windfall to balance the budget. Chris is optimistic for this year and optimistic, but cautious, for

next year. The only option next year is either more income or reduce staff and property expenditures.

- **Motion** to approve the budget for 2018 carried.
- **Motion** to grant authority to continue spending from the end of calendar year 2018 to the time of the January 2019 Congregational Meeting carried.

Nominating Committee – Approval of New Appointments (Shari)

- Focus Elder – Rosanne Schutz for term ending 2018 (replacing Connie Natvig)
- Board of Congregational Life – Karen Cheung for term ending 2020 (replacing Lisa Kaufmann)

Motion to approve two appointments carried.

Properties Committee – Facilities Report (Sue Detrick)

Sue reported progress implementing plans in the reserve study, including updates to the Community House, preschool, family room and parlor and regular maintenance. Sue outlined plans for the next group of projects.

Resettlement Project Update (Denise Morris)

Shari shared a note from Denise about the progress of the Mabani family that FCC supported in their resettlement in the U.S.

Strategic Planning – Video Questions

Shari screened a 10-minute video about the strategic planning process, outcomes, and ways plans are being put into action. A longer version is available on the website, and a yellow brochure distributed at the meeting has more information.

Hymn 31

Blessing (Fred)

Adjourn 1:45 PM