



Flossmoor Community Church
Board and Committee Reports to the Governing Board
January 2023

Board of Congregational Connections, submitted by Larry Kane

No December Meeting

Diaconate Board, submitted by Shari Sweeney

HIGHLIGHTS

- Successful Cookie Giveaway project! In December, 42 boxes of homemade cookies were packed and delivered to church members (nursing home, shut-in, elderly, ill, etc.). Many church members participated in the project (baking, packaging, and delivering) and Betsy's organizational help was much appreciated.
- In December/early January, a second round of meals was provided for 2 families, and those will likely continue.
- Transportation was provided for a downtown medical procedure.
- December was a very busy month for our card writers; approximately 25 cards were sent to members who submitted a prayer to the prayer chain or experienced illness/loss.
- Weekly flower deliveries continued; hoping to involve interested youth in making flower deliveries.
- Many beautiful hand-knit prayer shawls are available on the shelf outside Betsy's and Travis' offices. Please let the congregation know those are available to give to anyone in need.

HOPES

- To continue our visioning/brainstorming around two project ideas for our Board: updating and expanding the Stephen Ministry reference notebook of community resources, and developing a proposal for adult ed session/s for next year on caring topics
- To work with and support Pastor Dawnn as she develops plans/training for our caring ministries
- To continue the occasional ongoing recruitment of volunteers for our ministries via bulletin/eblast, new member classes, etc.

Board of Faith in Action, submitted by Jackie Riffice

HIGHLIGHTS

- Faith in Action continues their Green Together initiative. Church publications are peppered with eco-savvy tips and timesavers. A book and video list of related topics is posted on the FIA webpage. We sponsor occasional after-church adult ed with a speaker and most recently were honored when Trina Hayes discussed a book we recommended, Braiding Sweetgrass, in her book club.
- Yuletide Magic provided Bethel Community, Jones Memorial, and ANEW with gift cards, gifts, games, and blankets. The FCC congregation was, once again, incredibly thoughtful.

HOPES

- We are preparing for 2 upcoming opportunities for giving – The Easter Offering and Faith in Action grants. We hope that we can identify two agencies that will resonate with the congregation for our Easter Offering. We also pray for direction as we discern the grant amounts we want to share with our community partners.

Board of Worship & the Arts, submitted by Donica Van Voorhees

HIGHLIGHTS

- Celebrated the efforts of staff and volunteers in organizing the many worship services that were held between Thanksgiving and Epiphany, including the community interfaith gathering, the longest night, 2 services on Christmas Eve and 1 service on Christmas Day.
- Supported staff in leading communion in different ways, including individuals bringing their own cup of juice and bread back to pews to drink and eat together corporately a church family, and returning to intinction with the use of the common cup on New Year's Day.

- Celebrated the fact that we have achieved "blended worship" on any given Sunday, meaning that our music directors Rob and Jeff have incorporated both traditional and contemporary musical styles into each and every worship service. Also, about 40% of the preludes and postludes that Jeff has played during the last year are in the gospel style.

HOPES

- To train new ushers and incorporate them into the usher rotation schedule.
- To begin to pray about new leadership on our committee.
- To support staff in planning for Lent and Easter.

Finance Committee, submitted by Jeff Groen

No report, besides budget proposal

Personnel Committee, submitted by Mike Rogers

No meeting this month.

Properties Committee, submitted by Karen Cheung

HIGHLIGHT

- Properties has prioritized 2023 capital projects, and will meet with Foundation Committee soon re: funding
- 3 rotting wood doors replaced with steel at McAfee, Boiler Room, and Travers

HOPES

- Weather has been mild so far this winter. Hopeful for small bill for snow removal in 22-23; Haggerty Landscaping, along with Simon and Bob, will handle our needs.
- Working on prioritizing remaining 2024 and 2025 capital needs from the reserve study

Stewardship Committee, submitted by Chris Dolan

As of January 17 we have received 114 pledges for a total of \$489,603. Last year at this time (10 weeks after commitment Sunday) we had 125 pledge units for \$523,927. We finished with 127 / \$542,146.

There are 14 pledge units that pledged last year that have not yet done so. There are also 3 new members that have not pledged. In the coming days the committee will be contacting these folks to ask for their pledge.