

FLOSSMOOR COMMUNITY CHURCH
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017 7 PM
FCC FAMILY ROOM

“NOW TO EACH ONE THE MANIFESTATION OF THE SPIRIT IS GIVEN
FOR THE COMMON GOOD” 1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

INSPIRED BY THE RISEN CHRIST
WE
SEEK – CONNECT - SERVE

Members Attending: Stephanie Byrd, Sue Detrick, Dana Dolan, Linda Gilley, Lois Glasgow, Karen Hoag, Esther Jenkins, Scott Kappmeyer, Chris Riedel, Deb Robertson, Phyliss Royster, Rosanne Schutz, Tim Sullivan, Shari Sweeney, Nils Wickstrom

Members Excused:

Staff Present: Pastor Fred, Jenny Sykes, Betsy Hanzelin

OPENING PRAYER (Esther)

JOYS & CONCERNS were shared by the group

DEVOTION (Fred)

Pastor Fred led a discussion on Chapter 2 of *The Welcoming Congregation*, “Sites”; we discussed threshold places, bridges and barriers in our physical space, host roles, and a holy moment. At our January meeting, we will discuss the next chapter, on worship.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from October 24, 2017, were approved as submitted.

TREASURER’S REPORT (Chris)

- Budget Update; Finance Meeting w/ Stewardship and Foundation

The budget is in better condition than last month as updates to move to a new FY based on the calendar year were made. Offerings are down, but total revenues are down less. We are on track to make our six-month budget, but need to be mindful that offerings are down from what they should be or were last year. Expense lines are down or on track. We are building the preliminary 2018 budget based on last year’s actual, but later in December we will prioritize if there is a shortfall in pledges. There has been a decline in the number of pledging units and how much people are pledging over the years. Outreach is budgeted at eight percent of the pledge total, and we will make a quarterly transfer to the restricted fund for outreach based on actual pledges.

PASTOR’S REPORT (Fred)

Basking in glow of the “Show Off” event at community house, which had great turnout, good fellowship, non-FCC people also attended, and raised over \$2500 for PADS. It was the first big event inspired by the strategic planning effort last

spring. Upcoming this Sunday night is another event in the sanctuary at 7 pm: a contemplative vespers service for all ages.

NEW BUSINESS

- Welcome to Rosanne S., Focus Elder!
- Monday night PADS – St. Paul's (Fred)

St. Paul's (and others) will start hosting PADS at FCC on Mondays next week. There was no site for men in the area Monday nights as Margaret Epperson previously reported at a recent GB meeting discussion. The St. Paul's group has a coordinator for their teams who will be on site every Monday.

OLD BUSINESS

- PADS New Year's Eve sign-up (Shari): GB members were asked to sign up
- Stewardship Update (Scott, Fred)

We are encouraged by increased and new pledges. Another positive: the average amount per pledge unit is \$4K. Stopped and decreased pledges are still a concern, but some that appear to be stopped may yet come in.

- Community House Committee Update (Jenny)

The first event was the "Show Off" event; the next event, hosted by Kim Mitchell, is on diversity and race relationships; Friday there is another Race Talk on Tap (topic is discussing race relations with kids); Kim is also working on a health and wellness event in February or March. In January, there will be a "blizzard blast" event for kids hosted by Kaitlyn, with a food drive; she will need a lot of volunteers. Other events for spring: Kenny Maxie is planning intergenerational games event, possibly a chess tournament, and a second "Show Off" event in April.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next GB meeting – Tuesday, 1/23/18
- Mid-Year Congregational Meeting - Sunday, 1/28/18

CLOSING PRAYER (Scott)

ADJOURN: 8:22 pm

**Report of the Properties Committee
To the Governing Board
January 23, 2018**

Highlights

- Took down all outdoor crazy lights
- Community House renovations complete
- Purchased new snow blower

Hopes

- Put away outdoor wreaths later this month
- Have Community House drapes cleaned
- Begin planning and bidding projects for 2018 identified in Reserve Study, to be funded by FCCF

**Report of the Board of Outreach Ministry
To the Governing Board
January 23, 2018**

Hopes

- On February 18, 4 – 6:30, Outreach will sponsor a viewing of the documentary *Stay Woke: The Black Lives Matter Movement*, in the sanctuary. The discussion will be led by Laurens Grant, the producer and director of the film, and Jenn Jackson, a Ph.D. Candidate at UC and activist and researcher in the Movement for Black Lives. Laurens is an award-winning filmmaker, and is the daughter of FCC members Nate and Joyce Grant. Outreach is paying her airfare from LA.

**Report of the Nominating Committee
to the Governing Board
1/23/18**

Hopes

- We will need to fill the following vacancies:
 - Member, Lay Ministries, for the term ending 2018 replacing Chip Young

**Report of the Diaconate Board
To the Governing Board
January 23, 2018**

Highlights

- Jane Hindsley compiled our end of year report, which covers the time period from September to December 2017. A summary of activities follows.
- Floral deliveries occurred as scheduled with Shannon Williams coordinating this activity.
- A total of forty-eight (48) meals were provided as reported by Di King. Board members Royal Klauk, Lois Anthonisen and others provided support to the meal service process.
- Lois Toolan coordinated activities for three (3) memorial services. The Board and members of the congregation provided support.
- Pat Princehorn distributed 52 cards during this reporting period with many being handmade.
- Maurice continues with contact phone calls and status updates
- Visitation ministry, recruitment of volunteers, and Emergency Planning for families were also discussed at the meeting.

Hopes

- Visitation Ministry training will be provided by Pastor Fred on February 3, 2018
- Plans are underway to recruit additional volunteers to support committee activities
- The Pastor and Board plan to conduct needs assessment. The goal is to confirm the accuracy of our current list of individuals being served and identify others in need of services. This information will help us update services and determine additional resources needed.
- Plans for the Emergency Contact initiative are being revised.

**Report of the Board of Lay Ministries
To the Governing Board
January 18, 2017**

Highlights

- Lay Ministries is hosting a Membership Information Session on Sunday, 1/20 from 11-1 p.m. in the Parlor.
- We will welcome new members at worship on Sunday February 4th.
- To support new member engagement a “Coffee & Connections for Newer Members” is scheduled for Sunday, February 25th from 11-noon in the Parlor.
 - All FCC members who joined in 2016, 2017 or January 2018 are invited.
 - This social, informal gathering is designed to help newer members to connect with others and provide a friendly and fun forum for their questions, suggestions and getting the inside scoop on church happenings from invited Board Chairs TBD (e.g. Governing Board Chair, Long Range Vision, Outreach, Youth Ministries, etc.)
- April fellowship outing (date TBD) and May New Member dessert party (date TBD) are being planned for newer members as well.
- The Board continues work to reengage and reconnect with members who have not attended worship for 3 months or longer.
 - A second “We Miss You” postcard mailing is planned.
 - We would like to call those who have not attended for 4 months or more.
- Betsy Hanzelin has completed a 2017 overview analysis of membership status changes, including a summary of new members, members going “Inactive” including those who moved, and deceased.
- Publicizing church programs and events and supporting FCC’s community engagement focus will help potentially attract new visitors.

**Board of Christian Education
To the Governing Board Report
January 23, 2018**

Children’s Ministries

We resumed Sunday School on 1/14.

Blizzard Blast is on 1/26 from 6:30-8 pm. It is a community outreach event for kids ages K-6th grade and we are collecting canned goods to donate to the Jones Memorial Center.

- We need volunteers to help during the event (6:30-8 on Friday). We also need a few more volunteers to help decorate at 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 25.

Our Bible Drive raised \$560 and we purchased 26 new Bibles

3rd grade Bible class starts 2/4 and the children will receive their Bibles during service on 3/4.

Weekday Preschool

- Enrollment is at 118. One withdrawal in January due to scheduling. The Parent/Toddler class that meets Thursday mornings in Fellowship Hall has been divided into two sections due to increased demand and there are still a few spots in the 2nd session
- Enrollment for the Winter/Spring Enrichments finished up January 12. Lights, Camera, Action; Weekday Explorers and Weekday Scientists are full. There are some spots available in Tumble Bears.
- Lunch Breaks continue with a Monday & Friday date offered this month.
- The Great Bedtime Story gift box was in the gathering space, preschool hallway and at the Homewood and Flossmoor libraries. 45 pairs of new pajamas were collected and taken to a crisis center in the south suburban area. Scholastic books will match each pair with a new book.
- Marji will be writing the feature article for the South Suburban Chapter of Illinois AEYC
- Marji attended the NINPA (Northern Illinois Nature Preschool Association) board of directors meeting January 18. Planning has begun for WOW (World of Wonder) International Nature-based Early Learning Conference to be held August 1 – 4 at Brookfield Zoo that NINPA is co-sponsoring.
- The teachers returned from winter break for an in-service on January 8. Despite complications with the church power being out we had a productive day. We met at the Community House for “new year’s resolutions for the classroom” and lesson planning. Nan Wexler also presented material from the National AEYC conference she attended in November. The power came back on at noon (!) and we could work in the classrooms and meet individually with Marji.
- Classrooms are looking forward to the annual Teddy Bear Picnics to be held in the preschool library the week of the 22nd.

Youth Ministries

What we’ve been up to:

- Leadership Team resumed 1/10. We alternate between planning and a study night. This semester we’re using curriculum from Bob Goff & Love Does for our study nights.
- Youth Group resumed Sunday 1/14
- MLK Day of Service project on 1/15 went great! We had lots of donations (towels, tennis balls, old t-shirts) collected in a short amount of time. We had 17 students show up to help make dog toys, which were all donated to Heather’s Foster Dogs.

What we're looking forward to:

- Soph's Sex Retreat Jan 26-28 @ FCC
- Disciples World Religions Retreat Feb 2-4 @ FCC
- Tribes is participating in Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday Feb 4th. All money collected will be given to Respond Now.

Adult Ministries

The Adult Ed program on January 14 led by Dr. Phil Royster had over forty participants sharing their "most precious dream" for a better world. After watching a few minutes of Dr. Martin Luther King, Junior's "I Have a Dream" speech, participants shared dreams of a world of compassion, provision, care for the planet, the diversity of Star Trek, acceptance of our biology, lack of violence and many other ideas.

February programs include No Divisions Among You: A Consideration of Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians led by Pastor Fred Lyons and continued study and discussion of John Pavlovitz' *A Bigger Table: Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community* led by Trina Hayes.

We are looking ahead to hosting Lauren Shields, an author and H-F grad who will share insights from her forthcoming book, *The Beauty Suit* on Sunday, March 4 from 1 - 3 p.m. Lauren's modesty experiment looks at religious modesty and feminism in the three Abrahamic traditions.

"No Report"

Congregational Life

Personnel

Worship & Arts

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