

Flossmoor Community Church  
Minutes from the  
June 27, 2021 Congregational Meeting



**FCC Governing Board Chair, Anna Carvalho**, called the meeting to order at 11:09 AM. The call was made after it was determined that a quorum (i.e. at least 50 attendees) was present. Anna also shared the opening prayer with those present.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 2021 FCC Congregational meeting. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were ultimately approved.

Anna called for a motion to approve the Annual Report Packet. The report was approved by the attendees.

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**The Treasurer, Bob Norby**, provided his report. He stated that the Church was doing well, and that FCC's income, at this point in time, was better than what had been forecasted in the budget. He informed those present that as of June 22, 2021, there were \$296,000 in pledges paid versus the \$265,000 budgeted amount for June 2021.

- Currently, there are \$648,500 in pledge totals expected for the year (\$530,000 is the budgeted number).
  - Presently, Flossmoor Community Church has \$212,000 in unrestricted cash for the year.
  - After meeting the requirements for the 2021 [SBA Paycheck Protection Program](#) (PPP), the Church was approved for a loan of \$118,500. This disbursement was deposited on February 01, 2021.
  - FCC's 2020 PPP loan has been forgiven. This remittance will supplement funding for the Church's payroll.
  - It should be noted that the PPP has worked as intended for FCC as our Staff has been retained per the program's purpose.
  - Bob called for questions: There were none.
  - Anna commended Bob for his work as Treasurer.
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**Terese Thrall, Chair of the Nominating committee**, announced the slate of new FCC committee candidates for the upcoming year. She also stated that there are currently two open committee seats, one on Stewardship and one on Worship & Arts.

Anna called for a motion to approve the new slate of candidates. The motion carried.

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The Chair moved to approve the adoption of an amendment to the FCC Constitution. This amendment, if adopted, would state that, going forward, video meetings/gatherings will be allowed for Church Congregational, Board, and Committee meetings. Anna's motion received a second, and, ultimately, was carried.

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Anna praised the dedication and performance of the Flossmoor Community Church Staff. Her announcement that the Staff will be given a week off in July was met with applause from the audience.

In response to her rhetorical question of "How can FCC become an even greater place of refuge?" Anna announced that the Church will conduct an Appreciative Inquiry to assist in achieving this end. This event is to occur during the first weekend of October 2021. It will be open to members of the Church and its extended community.

Anna encouraged those in attendance to contact Pastor Julie by email to set up a time to meet with her to get to know her better. She also stated that FCC's Harvey project is progressing with the purchase of two properties pending. FCC's support of this project will primarily be managed through the Board of Faith-In-Action.

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**Reverend Julie Van Til** stated that she is now in her second year as **Pastor** of Flossmoor Community Church. She stated that she will be actively taking time to "get to know everyone's story." She looks forward to us all getting reacquainted with each other as the Church continues to reopen. Her upcoming sermon series will emphasize striving for authenticity in our relationships. Two items, which have her specific focus are

1. A Culture of Invitation: understanding the necessity of extending invitations to our Church to our family, friends, and community members why people should come to FCC
2. A mentality of "We -- Together": being fully prepared to embrace all members of our Church and all those who are in attendance.

Anna asked those present for the meeting if there were any comments or questions for Pastor Julie. After hearing none, she wished Pastor Julie a Happy Anniversary.

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Anna acknowledged outgoing Governing Board members, Sharon Dobben and Vanessa Richardson. The highlights of the Chair's acknowledgment are as follows:

- **Sharon Dobben, Personnel Committee**, was recognized for her contributions in supporting the Staff during the pandemic and for her attention to detail in the several adjustments made to Church-related manuals.
  - **Vanessa Richardson, Congregational Connections**, was recognized for her strong support of Flossmoor Community Church's racial justice initiatives.
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Pastor Julie shared the closing prayer.

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Anna called for a motion to adjourn. This motion was seconded and, afterward, carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:43 AM.