

Flossmoor Community Church
Board and Committee Reports to Governing Board
May 2022

Board of Christian Education

Gathered by Rebecca Courington

Children's Ministry - Leslie Maxie

Highlights:

- Almost all of our families were present on Easter! It was so wonderful to see!
- Bible Class- we have 12 kids receiving their bibles on June 5 (after completing a 4 week class)
- New curriculum has been a huge success

Hopes:

- Hoping summer will be engaging and with good attendance
- Outside community events in the evenings go well and are well attended
- Hope for lots of volunteers for VBS!!

Adult Education - Betsy Hanzelin

Highlights:

- Wednesday Morning Bible Study (in person) completed the Spring Study of our lectionary readings. The group decided to continue with a summer session beginning June 8 at 10 am, and will be studying a series titled "Twelve Women of the Bible".

Weekday Preschool - Dallas Collins

Highlights:

Weekday Preschool has wrapped up a wonderful school year!

- To kick off Spring Break in March we hosted an Art & Science fair at the Community House during parent/teacher conferences. Families had the opportunity to view 3-D art & traditional 2-D art, some pieces were available to be framed as a keepsake from 2022. Make & take science experiments in a bag were ready to go for the week at home. We were so lucky to have Pastor Julie, Brooke & Leslie on hand to help that morning, it was a feel-good event that will return next Spring!
- When we returned in April, we adventured on an all school field trip to Irons Oaks to explore nature stories and a senses hike. Enrichments returned for a four week session with 2 classes, Art & Science- both with 15 kids in each class. It was nice to see the return of the extended day!
- The first Friday in May we offered a field trip to see Rapunzal at the Beverly Arts Center, 85 tickets were sold and fun was had by all that attended!

Hopes:

- I have given MANY tours to new families looking for local part-time preschools, happy that we still have a great reputation around our communities. Word of mouth is still the most frequent referrals we get! We are almost full for the 2022-2023 school year with a couple spots in a couple classes, if you know someone looking please have them reach out to schedule a tour this summer!
- Our staff appreciation lunch is scheduled for 5/24, Classroom picnics are scheduled for the morning of May 25.
- We are looking forward to resting, relaxing and planning for the coming school year this summer!

Congregational Connections Board

Submitted by Larry Kane

Highlights:

Two events are planned in June

- Pentecost Picnic – Sunday, June 5. The Board will provide lunch, and we are considering having a giant, long community table.
- FCC Pride Party – Friday, June 24, 5-8 pm at Community House.

- Neither Homewood or Flossmoor holding pride fest this year, so we will bridge the gap and bring it home to the community house with a 'community toast'
- T-shirt and titos sales benefit Lighthouse scholarship fund
- Welcome desk with FCC info, pride merch
- Fidel Calderon will provide sound system and playlist.
- Board member assignment is to be on the lookout for these new members who just joined, introduce yourself, and PERSONALLY invite them to join us at the above upcoming events.
- Brooke provided photos of the new FCC members as well.

Faith in Action Board

Submitted by Jackie Riffice

Highlights

- Special Easter Offering update – receipts are around \$5700 and we will extend the offering period by 1-2 weeks
- Mother's Day Collection received diapers, clothing, formula; Aunt Martha's will arrange a pick up
- The Estate of Nancy Van Laten tithed \$7500 to Faith in Action, courtesy of the Finance Committee. We are grateful to Nancy's warm heart for this act of kindness.
- Stock Up Sunday for CFFEIM on June 26
- A multi-church blood drive will be held on Tues, May 24 and Fri, May 27 at Living Springs Church. Betsy is representing Faith in Action and we are hopeful that a few of the open slots will be filled by FCC members.
- Betty Baker mentioned a group of women at a local church who are using gently used sheets to make bandages for the injured in Ukraine. She will get more details and let us know when we need to set up collection baskets for sheets and pillowcases.

Hopes

We say thank you to 'retiring' members Betty Baker and Kim Lipe. Both women have contributed time and talent for many years. We hope Betty uses some time to rest and relax; she has been a warrior for those in need for many, many years. We hope Kim and Bill enjoy every second of their upcoming nuptials as we have followed this love story for quite a long time and wish them the best of everything.

Board of Worship & Arts

Submitted by Donica Van Voorhees

Highlights:

- Had a Meet and Greet with Rob Calhoon and Jeff Hamrick
- Discussed upcoming worship needs, focusing on communion

Hopes:

- To collaborate with Board of Congregational Connections on an outdoor worship service this summer

Finance Committee

Submitted by Bob Norby

- Overall Expenses are tracking closely to Budget thru April
- April Pledge Collections of \$46,557 compared against \$45,000/month Budget
- Revenues thru April are ahead of Budget due to several fully paid pledges in Q1 and strong YTD Sharing Fee revenues.
- YTD Offering Revenues are approximately the same as thru April 2021
- Available/Unrestricted cash of \$332,295

Personnel Committee

Submitted by Mike Rogers

Highlights:

- June 1 will be Pastor Julie's 2nd year work anniversary!

- Staff members (new and continuing) are making great progress in their positions
- The job description for Assistant to the Pastoral for Pastoral Care has been revised under the new title Pastoral Care Associate to be in line with other staff position titles

Hopes:

- Approval a Disparagement Clause for the Employee Handbook
- Hiring a new Pastoral Care Associate
- Clarifying policies: Policy on Recognition of Departing Employee, and Policy on Recognition of Employee Anniversaries
- Meeting the Sub-committee for Sexual abuse/harassment to be held by July 1

No Report this Month: Properties Committee