**Flossmoor Community Church**

**Governing Board Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, October 24, 2017 7 pm

FCC Family Room

Members Attending: Stephanie Byrd, Sue Detrick, Dana Dolan, Linda Gilley, Lois Glasgow, Karen Hoag, Esther Jenkins, Chris Riedel, Deb Robertson, Shari Sweeney, Nils Wickstrom

Members Excused: Scott Kappmeyer, Phyliss Royster, Tim Sullivan

Staff Present: Pastor Fred, Jenny Sykes, Betsy Hanzelin

Visitors: Margaret Epperson

OPENING PRAYER

JOYS & CONCERNS: were shared by the group

DEVOTION (Fred): Discussion focused on questions at the end of Chapter 1 of *The Welcoming Congregation*. We agreed to read Chapter 2 for the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from Sept. 26, 2017: approved as written with one change: misspelling of Nils’ name

TREASURER’S REPORT (Chris Riedel): October numbers are incorrect in the report due to a change of timing with six-month cycle for this year. The cash position is low because we paid for facilities projects, and reimbursement is in process of clearing. A decision will be made at the end of October about the amount of the next Outreach payment.

PASTOR’S REPORT (Fred): Stewardship campaign is focusing on personal testimonials and less on paper mailings and handouts. This Sunday’s service will feature a panel discussion on outreach. A new member session was held yesterday. More visitors are coming due to publicity over the summer. Facebook posts and Lighthouse event drew new visitors, members.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

* PADS 10/29 schedule and future dates; sign-up: a signup sheet was passed for Governing Board to fill in gaps.
* Nominating Committee: Action Item re Focus Elder (Karen H.): **Approved** the appointment of Roseanne Schutz as Focus elder (to complete 1 year tern) and Karen Cheung to serve on Board of Congregational Life (3 years).
* Outreach follow-up re PADS guest (Margaret Epperson): Margaret and Esther shared an update on the progress of a PADS guest by Outreach, and some lessons learned through that effort. A concern for PADS is that churches are dropping out of serving as PADS sites for men for a number of reasons, including churches closing and getting smaller and aging congregations. Currently, there are no Monday or Wednesday sites for men in the South Suburbs. As the “cream of the crop” for 25 years, FCC could take leadership in growing our program, perhaps serving as a training program for others, starting by having other groups be hosts on additional nights at FCC. PADS guests have been invited to education hour Sunday to talk about their experiences. A PADS open house on a Sunday would help other groups or individuals see what it’s like.
* FCC Foundation Update (Lois Glasgow): Lois provided background on the formation and history of the Foundation and its purposes. An exception voted on at annual meeting has resulted in a lot of work done on properties since then. With additional communication about giving opportunities, there could be more coordination of fundraising and estate planning. For example, contributions could be made to the Hendrikson Fund that supports the assistant to the pastor for pastoral care; while that fund was initially expected to be spent down, the corpus has been retained.
* New website looks great – thanks to Katie Sullivan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* Nov/Dec Governing Board meeting date, Tuesday, Dec. 5 @ 7pm
* H-F “Show-off” to benefit PADS, Friday, Nov. 17, Community House (Food trucks & BYOB)
* Congregational Life Deck the Halls fellowship December 3, noon-2:30
* Youth Worship November 12 – youth theme is share your story video, easy questions: answer in video or in writing. Allison will send a request to GB to participate

CLOSING PRAYER (Karen H.)

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**Report of the Nominating Committee**

**To the Governing Board**

***December 5, 2017***

**Hopes**

We will need to fill the following vacancy:

* Member, Lay Ministries, for the term ending 2018 replacing Chip Young

Submitted by Karen Hoag

**Report of the Christian Education Committee**

**To the Governing Board**

***December 5, 2017***

**Adult Education**

The discussion of *A Bigger Table* by John Pavlovitz is attracting 25 to 30 people each week. New members and younger members are attending and the conversation has been wonderfully insightful about how to authentically welcome people to our church.  The discussion began in November and will continue into January and possibly beyond.

Sunday, December 3, Shari Sweeney and Rebecca Courington will "Continue the Conversation on Diversity and Special Needs" in our Understanding Diversity series.

Our focus on offering programs that explore areas of focus for the church is working very well.

**Weekday Preschool**

* Enrollment is at 119. All preschool classes currently full. 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
* Parent/Teacher conferences were held just before Thanksgiving break giving families a chance to discuss with the classroom teachers on how the first couple of months of school have gone.
* Enrichments continue with the 12 week sessions wrapping up just before or just after Christmas break, depending on the schedule. Teachers are to submit to Marji plans for winter/spring semester enrichments by December 12 so enrollment information can go out to parents before break. These will begin in mid-January.
* Lunch Breaks continue with a Monday & Friday date offered this month.
* Fall clean-up was scheduled for Saturday, November 4, 9 – 11:00. On and off rain just before 9:00 so we posted a cancelation on website and Facebook page. However, the rain stopped just after 9 and we had some youth here for service hours that worked on the “must haves” for clean-up. A couple of families also came when the rain stopped to help.
* The Great Bedtime Story gift box is in the gathering Space. We are working with the Pajama Project to collect PJs and Scholastic Books will match each pair of PJs collected with a new book. Boxes have also been placed at the Homewood and Flossmoor libraries.
* Marji will be writing the feature article for the South Suburban Chapter of Illinois AEYC newsletter this month on bringing science activities into the early childhood classroom. Resources for science in the south suburban area will also be included.
* Marji continues to attend NINPA meetings and serves on the board of directors. The November meeting focused on fostering a Growth Mindset with children in the classroom. Planning has begun for WOW. (World of Wonder) International Nature-based Early Learning Conference to be held August 1 – 4 that NINPA is co-sponsoring.
* Giving Tree information is posted in the preschool hallway and several families have picked up information in order to take part. The WPPA has collected money from board members to sponsor a Christmas Angels family again this year. Presents will be wrapped at our December meeting.

**Youth**

What we've been up to:

* Youth Worship on November 12th was a huge success. We had almost 50 youth participate in planning and pulling it all off that morning. Portions of the stations will stay up, and be displayed later on. Youth Ministries got lots of positive feedback about the music and the stations the youth chose to do. They really were the brains behind each station - the lay advisors were there to logistically make it happen.
* Our Disciples team cooked for PADS at the end of October.

What we have coming up:

* Youth Leadership Christmas Party December 13th @ Marc & Allison's house
* Last day of youth group for the calendar year on 12/17.

**Children’s Ministries**

* We are hard at work on the Christmas Pageant in Sunday School.
* Our rehearsals have been on 11/19 and 11/26 and will continue for the next two Sundays.
* The pageant will be during worship service on 12/17.
* On 12/19 from 5:30-7 pm we will have a caroling and cookies event at the Community House.
* We are having our Bible drive to raise money to purchase 50 new bibles for the Sunday School to use. So far we raised enough money for 16 bibles.
* The family Christmas eve service with the Instant Nativity will be on 12/14 at 10 am.

Submitted by Linda Gilley

**Report of the Diaconate Board**

**To the Governing Board**

***December 5, 2017***

**Highlights**

Diaconate Board participated in the Stewardship Educational session held October 22, 2017. Improvement opportunities were identified in the following areas: the need for increased awareness about board functions, recruitment of volunteers and identification of new service opportunities. The Stephen Ministers and Stewardship Committee were also part of this initiative. We look forward to further discussions and development of ideas presented.

Clarification of distribution of prayer concerns and Diaconate members role in visitation is pending,

**Hopes**

*Plans for the future*

Our next meeting is scheduled for the fourth Sunday in January 2018 unless a special meeting is called. Routine activities continue with reports and updates provided by email.

The following are pending: goals for 2018, emergency notification project and visitation guidelines, process and education.

Submitted by Phyliss M. Royster

**Submit “No Report”**

Stewardship Committee, Scott Kappmeyer

Esther Jenkins, Board of Outreach

Dana Dolan, Board of Lay Ministries

Betty Jo Norby, Board of Congregational Life

**Financials will be sent out via email on Monday, December 4.**