**Present:** Dick Geiselhart, Neal Larson, Pastor Kari, Bruce Belseth, Greg Tvrdik, Pastor Greg, Jen Sundby, Del Mari Runck, Lucas Kosters, and Joanne Kensinger

Vision Team Meeting: via ZOOM 6pm-7:15pm

Opening Devotions: Jen Sundby

Chairperson Dick Geiselhart opened asking for corrections/additions to the secretary's report of

March 11, 2021. No changes.

Motion to accept: Neal Seconded: Jen

Treasurer's Report presented by Del Mari

Discussion: Income up 22% over same time period last year

Motion to accept: Bruce Seconded: Neal

Vision Team Orientation – continued from the March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting:

#### **Darla Harstad:**

- Originally from New Ulm, MN and her parents are still on the home farm
- Husband Dave and Darla have lived in Alex over 30 years
- Both are employed at District 206.
- Darla is principal at Woodland Elementary. Dave is the gifted teacher at Voyager.
- They have 2 sons, both seniors (one in high school & one in college)

## Joanne Kensinger:

- Member of FLC since 1984 where she raised her family
- Originally from Lisbon, North Dakota
- Married to Robert Kensinger, funeral director at Anderson Funeral Home
- We have 2 sons and 3 grandchildren with one due any day now. So blessed to have them all living in the Twin Cities now.
- Recently retired from Lake Geneva Christian Center as the Event Coordinator.

For tonight's meeting, the VT was to read the first chapter of "Imagining a New Church" by Jeffrey Kjellberg.

# Discussion regarding the first chapter:

- o Re-orienting from the church council to a vision for the church
- The author...world needs faith communities for work to be done

- Think outside the box...how do we get this done?
- God says we can do anything with Him involved
- "What if we..."
- O What is our vision?
- Less reactionary...what is our purpose?
- Caught up in tradition (each group)...how do we go forward?
- O What are those hard questions?
- Think out the proposed outcome and its effects
- Think it through and not rush it
- Change things that can be changed and accept things we cannot change (example discussed was school sports & how FLC worked around it with a successful Wednesday night event/activities/service)
- o Going forward with Covid. How do we continue to make life & faith meet?
- Snowbirds were unable to attend but can now because of streaming options due to Covid
- When we return to church, we'll all be newcomers.
- O What can we do to help find our way back?
- Questions will bring us to good places, lead us to a new place.
- VT brings the experience
- o Be proactive and not reactive.
- Lucas is a recent transfer and appreciates the foundation from FLC's old church to the new one. FLC's priorities are in the right place and he likes that.

#### One on Ones with Pastors and VT Reps:

- These meetings will define goals to focus each of our boards on to build from there
- Revisit purpose of each board
- Possible volunteer to the respective boards
- How we want to grow in each ministry area

#### **Updates**

## Worship:

- FLC has been "in person" services for a month now at 8:30am Sundays
- 6:15pm Wednesday night service was just added on April 7<sup>th</sup>
- More relaxed at services now that we all understand the system
- What FLC is doing is safe
- Many are happy for the summer services at Legacy of the Lakes

## **Hospitality:**

- Small groups up to 15 are happening at FLC
- Good team rotating every month assisting with services

• Services are averaging 70 ppl

### **Capital Campaign – Beyond the Building:**

- Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 3pm gathering at church for those 50 years and younger
- Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> 7pm gathering at the church for those 50 years and older
- Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 11:30am-1pm luncheon at church for staff and key leadership
- Pastor Greg, Greg T and Larry Ortloff have been with parishioners in advance for lead gifts and so far \$500,000 has been pledged. Great response!
- Goal is to pay off the existing loan in 3 years
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> Campaign is launched with a congregation wide focus
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> Commitment Sunday with one large service outside at 10am, pledge cards are to be turned in, lots of fellowship, and a box lunch provided

#### **Next Vision Team Meeting:**

Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at FLC (in person)
Meet with masks + social distancing in the Gathering Space

# **Devotions for May 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting:**

Dick Geiselhart

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