

FCEMF Meeting Minutes  
Pathways Church  
March 6, 2018

### **Welcome – Paul Cameron**

Handout – Card with information about the July FCEMF Meeting - see attached.

Introduce yourself – Name, Organization, what other organizations we are part of.  
Think about places we can get plugged in and know who is doing what.

In attendance:

Paul Cameron – Board of Loaves and Fishes, Board of Wisconsin Broadcasters Association, Oshkosh prison

Jim Case – Community Impact Board, Stronger Together Fox Valley-Neighborhood Partners, Erb Park Neighborhood, Master Gardeners, Northeast Wisconsin Kayakers

Adam Demetrician – Unofficial chaplain for Wisconsin Volleyball Academy

Becky Deuel – WE-Pray, Community Impact Board, Stronger Together Fox Valley-Intergenerational Connections and Neighborhood Partners, Franklin Elementary, Randall Court, Faith Ambassadors and Advanced Care Planning.

Alvin Dupree – Fox Valley Jail Ministries Board, Rawhide Ranch Board, Appleton Area School District Board

Paul Fransmeier – WE-Pray, Stronger Together Fox Valley-Intergenerational Connections, New London School District

John Kieffer – Wisconsin Partners, Stronger Together Fox Valley-Intergenerational Connections, along with the things he does with his brother, Joe – Special Olympics, Kimberly School and Lawrence athletic events, etc.

Lyndsey Kirk – Lawrence University, was involved with Riverview Gardens

Tami McLaughlin – Refuge Task Force, Good Neighbor Team

Steve Nickel – Chi Alpha Board – passion is to influence influencers

Trisha Propson – sexual abuse in the church, statewide licensing chaplain network

John Sitcler – Heart of the Valley YMCA Board

Brenda Spina – Celebrate Recovery

Jason Steger – FCA in Kimberly, is in the schools as much as possible

Dave Vande Hey – Family Multiplication – considers his family a community outreach

Shawn Whitworth – Salvation Army, Board of Housing Partnership of Fox Valley

(My apologies if I missed some of the organizations for whom you serve.)

### **Devotion – Adam Demetrician**

Luke 23:32-43      He was struck by how Jesus, during his greatest pain, made time for the thieves. One of the most grace giving statements in the Gospels: “Today you will be with me in Paradise.” This criminal could not have done anything to earn his place with God. He could never have served – he died right after that. All he could do was be a recipient of grace. We all need Christ.

When people find out that we are pastors, they want to put a good enough face on – they want to come across as good. But we know they don't have to do anything to earn their place.

He wants to lead a church where thieves are welcomed. Where people that are in pain are welcomed into a community that says: "you are loved". As a body, he wants to see the words of Jesus spoken over every person in this community. We want to make paradise here and now. We are just passing through. Our home is in heaven. Much of what Jesus came to do is missed if we don't remember this.

Good people don't get to heaven – only those who received grace and mercy from heaven. Don't put people on a performance track. Let's be great at giving grace. As we are serving, let's be good at that. His heart never tires of watching people come to faith. As we make our way toward Easter, the cross and resurrection is the reason we have life, why we do all of these things that we do – expressions of people's love.  
Prayer

**Treasurer's Report** - \$348.21 currently in the account.

It was mentioned that the Oshkosh prison needs communion elements. If this is approved by the prison, FCEMF will purchase these supplies.

#### **Announcements -**

Men's Mini-Prayer Summit – March 24 – see attached.

An event is being planned to celebrate the assassination of Martin Luther King that will focus on worship. It is planned for the afternoon of April 8<sup>th</sup>. More details soon.

The Oshkosh jail need books. They cannot have a name on them or any highlighting. Bibles are like gold.

Contact Trisha Propson if you know people who are serving as chaplains and may want to network, she will send something out to them.

Outagamie County is developing a chaplaincy that will be connected to all their departments. Free training is provided.

Thank you to all who donated to Help for the Homeless – there are boxes all over the community. The sorting will be done next week at First English on Ballard.

Our next meeting will be April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Village Community Church.