

**Ascension Lutheran Church and Holy Cross
Joint Council/Vestry Meeting Minutes
February 11,2021**

Attendance - Rev. Mike Wernick, Vestry Present: Gwen Hendrickson, Joel Flint, Angela Keane, Laura Daniels. Council Present: Kevin Barry, John Standley, Polly Standley, Dan Weller. Deacon Kim, Laura K

Held via Zoom

Prayer - Rev. Mike led the opening prayer.

Agenda:

Joel moved to accept amended agenda, Gwen seconded, motion carried.

Clergy's Report

Rev. Mike provided written report of his January activities; updated council/vestry on vacation days that will be carried over (two weeks, approved due to the pandemic), for a total of 42 vacation days in 2021.

Angela moved to accept reports, John seconded, motion carried.

Approval of Prior Joint Minutes:

January 14, 2021 motion to accept by Gwen, Joel seconded, motion carried.

Liaison Reports

Community Ministry:

- Family Promise
- Safe Haven report
- February 28, 2021 Warm up America afghans will be blessed by Rev. Mike and taken to St. Mark's on March 6, 2021

Worship

- Ashes will be available for pick up in a box out front of church starting February 14 for the Ash Wednesday evening service
- We will continue with curbside communion on the 1st Sunday of each month.

Christian Education - Nothing at this time

Property

- thermostats were relocated from sacristy and Mike's office into the hallway.
- There is now a key box inside the office

Hospitality- nothing new to report

Correspondence-

Thank you letters

Treasurer's Report

John presented treasurer's report. Due to O.D. in Florida the envelopes did not get tallied in January

- Comcast, increased internet speed at a cost of 60\$ per month
- Brought up cancelling Ascension phone number to save 40\$ per month, may look into Google voice (3\$ per month?)
- Working on transferring funds from Huntington to Chase, need to appoint a secretary for Ascension in order to get this completed.

Gwen made a motion to approve Treasurer's report, Polly seconded, motion carried.

Old Business

- Co still working on getting one Tax ID / EIN number
- Finance Committee will have a report by March 2021
- Holy Trinity Vestry meeting tonight to affirm willingness to be in conversation with Two Churches

New Business

- Ascension Council: voted Kevin Barry for secretary and Dan Weller as President, Polly Standley Vice President. John moved to accept the motion Dan seconded motion carried.
- Gwen and Dan will work on a letter about merging our two leadership bodies and sending to the parishes.
- Will be looking into making Vestry / Council a total of six people: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary plus two At Large members.
- Net Zero Emissions: looking to see if the is a Grand Rapids only agenda or if it also includes Kent County.
- Keep meetings second Thursday of the month.
- Memorial fund, Polly moved to use 1,000\$ towards new white candles for the Advent wreath. Polly moved to accept Gwen seconded motion, approved

Issues & Concerns: None

Next Meeting: March 11, 2021

Closing Prayer

Adjournment