

**Ascension Lutheran Church and Holy Cross aka Two Churches
Joint Council/Vestry Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2021**

Attendance: Rev. Mike Wernick. Vestry Present: Gwen Hendrickson (via Zoom), Joel Flint, Laura Daniels, Angela Keane, Laura Kremer (7:45 PM). Council Present: Kevin Barry, John Standley, Polly Standley. Staff Present: Deacon Kim Hoop (via Zoom). Absent: Dan Weller.

Called to order at 7:10 PM

Opening Prayer – Led by Rev. Mike.

Approval of Agenda – Polly moved to accept, Laura D seconded, Motion carried.

Clergy Report – Polly moved to accept, Gwen seconded, Motion carried.

Approval of Prior Joint Minutes from June 10, 2021 - Polly moved to accept, Joel seconded, Motion carried.

Liaison Reports:

Property Committee – Joel (no written report).

Community Ministry – Kim (written) – #6 revised to note that The Green Apple Pantry received \$25 in June.

Christian Education – Co (not present and no written report).

Hospitality – Polly & Angela (verbal) – Polly will recruit volunteers for Sunday Fellowship Hours in late July.

Worship/Music – Rev. Mike (written) – No additions.

Correspondence – John (verbal) – Thank You letters from various organizations for donations. Microsoft contact that OneDrive storage almost full – John to follow-up with them.

Treasurer's Report – John (written) – Polly moved to accept all reports, Laura D seconded, Motion carried.

Old Business:

Next Steps in Combining Leadership Bodies – In Progress. Pastor Mike to send term expirations to Polly so can review and consult with Co Walter and present motion at next meeting for structure and term revisions.

Combining Bank Accounts – John moved with written motion that Council Secretary, Kevin Barry, be authorized to open Chase bank accounts as needed to receive Ascension Lutheran funds held at Huntington Bank. Access to these accounts shall be given to Treasurer John Standley and Assisting Treasurer Colleen Walter. Upon initiation of these Chase accounts, all Ascension Lutheran funds currently held at Huntington Bank will be moved into these accounts. Dan seconded, Motion carried.

Holy Trinity Conversation – Gwen and Kevin met with Holy Trinity’s Senior Warden Kevin Murphy and Junior Warden Genia LaNore at Holy Trinity to begin process of writing Letter of Agreement, covenant between Two Churches and Holy Trinity regarding sharing of expenses, and revised Two Churches covenant between Holy Cross and Ascension on Monday, June 28, 2021. Kevin B to email Kevin M to follow-up as have had limited contact since meeting.

New Business:

Bishop Whayne’s Resignation – Discussed email from Standing Committee of the Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan.

Issues & Concerns – Pastor Mike received tentative verbal resignation from church cleaning position from Meg Barry and requested that she provide an official end date as soon as possible.

Next Meeting Date – Thursday, August 12, 2021, at 7:00 PM in person, with possibility of switching to Zoom based on pandemic situation and Diocesan dictates.

Closing Prayer – Led by Rev. Mike.

Adjournment – 8:10 PM