

Meeting minutes taken by Jill Barry

Members Present: Kevin Barry, Joel Flint, Angela Keane, John Standley, Shelley McKean, Rev. Mike Wernick

Members Absent: Laura Daniels

Non-voting Present: Jill Barry (recorder)

Meeting called to order 7:04 PM, opened with prayer by Rev. Mike

Note: there was no meeting held in June

Agenda approved (John moved/Shelley seconded)

Clergy Reports for May and June approved (Kevin moved/Shelley seconded)

- Ecumenical Endeavors – Mike will try to share more regularly with “The Feast Online” (Episcopal diocesan newsletter)

Approval of May minutes (with typo correction) (Kevin moved/John seconded)

Liaison Reports – all reports accepted (Angela moved/Shelley seconded):

- Property (verbal report from Joel)
 - Contacted city engineer regarding possible lawn reversion to native plants/prairie, said we need to contact LGROW (Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds). Will contact soon, now that we have a phone number. They provide free property assessment, and possibly funding thru NWF (National Wildlife Federation).
 - Groundhog problem - there is a new hole on the street side of the building with lots of dirt being thrown around. Joe & John are attempting to live-catch the critter and relocate so they can fill in the hole.
 - Briefly discussed the lawn (grass) growing in the parking lot. Discussed possibility of applying a home-made (less toxic) weed killer.
- Community Ministry (written report from Kim H. – not present)
 - No discussion needed.
- Hospitality – (verbal report from Shelley)
 - Joint service with Holy Trinity on August 13 coming up, will include a potluck picnic.
- Worship & Music (written report from Rev. Mike)
 - Esther has retired from doing lay eucharistic visits; Joel is now licensed by the diocese for this and will begin with assisting Deacon Kim with the visits in August.
 - Still need to schedule a meeting. Mike suggested a joint meeting with Holy Trinity’s W & M team; Jill expressed concern that such a meeting wouldn’t be appropriate for general W & M discussion of how things are going at Two Churches.
- Correspondence (verbal report from John)
 - Thank you from ELCA for replacement check recently send for Good Gifts (original check from last October never cleared and was assumed “lost in the mail”).
 - Synod acknowledgement for Synod Support.

Treasurer's Report – (written report from John) accepted along with other liaison reports above.

- Partial year statements were sent in July.

Old Business:

- Constitution & By-Laws Update
 - Zoom meeting that was to take place in May between Bill Fleener, Val Ambrose, Dennis Smith, and Bishop Singh never happened, partly due to Bishop's family issues. Mike asked Val if we would now need to contact the new Canon who will be starting August 1 (as Val is retiring). No reply as yet.
- Solar Panels
 - Kevin attended a Solar Faithful webinar. The Diocese couldn't answer well how the lease works when we don't own the building. John filled out a questionnaire and they sent back an initial assessment/proposal. They would need to do a site assessment, but both options listed sound like they would be a loss for us. John asked some questions, but hasn't received a reply as yet. It sounds like for us to move forward, we would have to be doing so because "it's the right thing to do environmentally", but as a small church it might not be economically feasible for us at this time.
- Reconciling Works Annual Gift
 - Check has been sent out, and a note put in John's financial files to add this to the yearly budget next year.
- Piano Repairs
 - Jill determined the issues were not worth pursuing at this time.

New Business:

- Pride 2023 Synopsis and Pride 2024 Planning
 - GIFT Grand Rapids sought feedback for planning for next year, suggesting churches could have their own "section" of booths. Mike said it would be too chaotic sharing booths – Mike will contact Lauren/GIFT to give feedback.
- Signage – Entry Doors & Driveway Entrance
 - Gave go ahead to order replacement vinyl lettering for the entry door area and a replacement driveway entrance sign.
 - John will refurbish the driveway sign posts with slip on post covers that won't require painting.
 - John plans to continue to investigate future driveway sign that is lighted. Jill provided John with possible local West Michigan company that does this kind of work.
- Security Measures Discussion
 - Discussed locking doors during worship on Sunday mornings. Was decided that we will give it a try.

Next meeting will be August 17, 2023 at 7 PM.

Closed with Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned 9:28 PM.