

Meeting minutes taken by Jill Barry

Members Present: Kevin Barry, Joel Flint, John Standley, Shelley McKean, Rev. Mike Wernick
Members Absent: Angela Keane
Non-voting Present: Jill Barry (recorder), Polly Standley

Meeting called to order 7:03 PM, opened with prayer by Rev. Mike

Agenda approved

Clergy Reports for July and August approved with corrections to vacation days (leadership agreed that time off to deal with illness/death of mother should be considered FMLA/bereavement time, not vacation days used – corrected report was later forwarded to Jill for file) (John moved/Laura seconded)

- Mike will attend ECM retreat Oct. 23-26, but will come back early (Wed., Oct 25) as Diocesan Convention begins Friday, Oct. 27.

Approval of July minutes (Joel moved/Shelley seconded)

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

- Property (written report from Joel)
 - Discussed meeting with reps from Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds and Plaster Creek Stewards on Sept. 7 regarding our intention of replanting part of our lawn with native plants. Was a good meeting, lots of good ideas regarding possible funding thru Healing over Habitat (formerly Sacred Grounds) program. Joel will recontact them at the end of September to discuss further.
 - Damage to the posts of the entrance sign was noted, caused by lawn mowing. John to look into repair.
 - John to seek quotes for new fencing around the refugee garden.
 - Joel still trying to contact someone re: usage of refugee garden - discussed possibly contacting Bethany Services for ideas on how to deal with “who’s in charge”. Discussed possibly offering the garden to a new group of refugees if it isn’t being completely utilized (potentially setting up a certain time limit for any particular group – “after how many years is a refugee no longer a refugee?”)
 - Fall Ground Cleanup scheduled for Oct. 28.
- Community Ministry (verbal report from Polly)
 - John proposed that Two Churches support Diaper Depot on an annual basis with \$2000. Was agreed that it should be put into the budget for next year.
 - John moved that we give DD \$2000 for this year, in December, Joel seconded the motion. Discussion: Kevin mentioned that bank account balances may come up as a question for some people. It was noted that while Diaper Depot’s account may seem “well supplied” at the moment, they purchase diapers in excess of \$1000 per month. Replenishing the funding is constantly needed. Only other funding is through grant applications. John has applied for a grant through the ELCA synod. Motion was approved.
- Hospitality – (verbal report from Shelley)
 - Discussed Kim’s final day gathering.
- Worship & Music (written report from Rev. Mike)
 - Will schedule a team meeting ASAP
- Correspondence (verbal report from John)

- Thank you from Kid's Food Basket for \$200 donation (which came from Community Ministry)
- Synod acknowledged our annual pledge for synod support.
- Thank you from Reconciling Works for annual support donation (\$100).

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

- Debit card hack that John caught – a debit card for one of the accounts, a card that is never used, was hacked and multiple charges made to it. John reported it, card was canceled and funds returned by the bank.

Old Business:

- Constitution & By-Laws Update
 - Mike was copied on an email that new Canon Sunil sent to Bill Fleener Jr. regarding delay in efforts to hash out the legal issues of becoming a union congregation. Waiting again for response from Bill Fleener Jr.
- Solar Panels
 - Decided we are not pursuing this at this time
- Signage – Entry Doors & Driveway Entrance
 - Vinyl lettering has been installed on front entrance windows
 - New post covers and replacement entrance sign have been installed (note damage listed above under Property report).

New Business:

- Stewardship Efforts
 - Gwen & Joel heading up again this year – Kevin noted that we need to make a point of finding new people for this next year.
 - Joel writing an article/letter to go out, and both Gwen and Joel will do temple talks.
- Deacon Kim Resignation – Community Ministry/Worship & Music/Eucharistic Visits
 - Joel will be making Eucharistic Visits and can assist with communion on Sundays.
 - Polly mentioned that it is expected that her current part-time supply/interim position will be completed by the end of the year, and she is “retiring” and will not be open to other positions except to potential supply at Two Churches. Due to this, she will have availability to assist with Community Ministry.
- Bishop Singh's Visit and Resignation
 - There were two Zoom meetings Tuesday Sept. 19, one for senior wardens which Kevin attended, and one for clergy which Rev. Mike attended. It was noted that Bishop Singh actually resigned his position PRIOR to his having been suspended.
- Building Cleaning
 - Molly Maids did a walk thru the building with Jill. Now waiting for a quote from Molly Maids.
 - Mike talked with Cait – she would be happy to have us find someone to either supplement or replace what she is doing.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 7 PM.

Closed with Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned 9:18 PM.