

Meeting minutes taken by Jill Barry

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

Non-voting Present: Jill Barry (recorder)

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

Agenda approved

Clergy Reports for September approved (along with liaison reports noted below)

- The Rev. Alex Steward (member) supplying for All Saints Sunday (Nov. 5)
- Mike on vacation Oct. 30 thru Nov. 5
- Dec. 24 is a Sunday – joint worship in the morning for Advent 7 here at TC; joint worship in the evening for Christmas Eve at Holy Trinity.
- Petition to get an issue on a ballot regarding child care; “Together West Michigan” recruiting volunteers – determined more info is needed before passing anything on to the congregation.

Approval of September minutes (Joel moved/Laura seconded)

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

- Property (written report from Joel)
 - Never received the promised quote for cleaning from Molly Maids. Will try to contact Asher Davis as a possible person to help us (cleans at one of the other Episcopal churches in town.)
 - John & Joe reinstalled heat tape on the roof so hopefully no ice build-up this winter.
 - Water to the garden has been shut off.
- Community Ministry (no report provided – info provided by Jill and leadership team members)
 - Team is in transition with Deacon Kim having moved away. Marjri W. resigned as co-chair after a couple weeks. Lauren M. considering stepping in as co-chair along with Polly S.
 - Discussed a need for CM team to “re-discover” the right balance of programs – not too much, not too little.
- Hospitality – (verbal report from Shelley)
 - Pet Blessing service and event was a success, with dogs, cats, tarantulas, and chickens present. Other animals, such as horses, were blessed in absentia.
- Worship & Music (written report from Rev. Mike)
 - Team met in person Sept. 25; determined some basic liturgical structure for our Seven-week Advent season; will be moving to communion bread instead of wafers on Nov. 12.
- Correspondence (verbal report from John)
 - Thank you from St. Mark’s for \$400 donation from Community Ministry

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

- Jon G. & Tony B. completed the audit the week of Oct. 8 (last week). John S. showed the audit to Co W., needs leadership approval to submit. John will email PDF of the audit to everyone.
- Briefly discussed Jill’s suggestion that Noisy Offering recipient be changed from ACCESS of West MI to something else, perhaps St. Mark’s Breakfast Café. Tabled discussion until following month.

Old Business:

- Constitution & By-Laws Update
 - Mike will check again with Canon Sunil.
- Solar Panels
 - John S. still investigating possibilities.

New Business:

- Annual Meeting Date
 - Holy Trinity – January 21
 - Two Churches – January 28
- Nomination Committee/Leadership Rotation – committee requires 3 members with at least one being someone going off leadership. (Joel & Angela will complete terms in January 2024.)
 - Joel, Angela and John volunteered – Committee selection was approved (Kevin moved/Joel seconded)
 - Kevin will look up constitution requirements regarding this.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 7 PM.

Closed with Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned 9:08 PM.