

Meeting minutes taken by Jill Barry

Members Present: Kevin Barry, Cal Meuzelaar, John Standley, Laura Kremer, Marjo Jordan, Mary Trasky,
Pastor Polly Standley

Non-voting Present: Jill Barry (recorder); Laura Daniels

Meeting called to order 6:04 PM, opened with The Lord's Prayer

Agenda approved as written. (Polly moved/Laura K. seconded)

Clergy report provided for Jan/Feb to date – Accepted (Cal moved/Kevin seconded)

- Father Michael Fedewa will be supplying March 30 while Pastor Polly is out of town.
- Discussed ramifications of potential for ICE Agents to enter our building.
 - Discussed that they are allowed to enter any “public space” but they can not interrupt a worship service.
 - They are not allowed to enter private spaces, such as Polly's office, or Jill & John's office. Discussed possibly getting labels that say “Private” for the doors – no decisions made.
- Allison McCully from “Together West Michigan” will be here during fellowship time May 4th for an event, facilitating discussions around the question “What keeps you up at night?”.

Prior meeting minutes for January (including short post-annual meeting) approved with correction (Kevin moved/Mary seconded)

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

- Property (verbal report from Cal)
 - Lisa (our cleaner) discovered a drip in the sanctuary. John/Joe investigated and discovered that the heating tape that had been installed to alleviate the roof icing/leaking issue had been unplugged during a roof repair. It has now been plugged back in.
 - Discussed possibly putting in motion detector sensors for the lights in the bathroom. Whole leadership team highly approved this suggestion and requested that it be done.
- Community Ministry (written report provided by Lauren M.)
 - Green Apple amazed and pleased with the soup from this year's SOUPer Bowl.
 - IHN Meal coming on March 18th, and St. Mark's Breakfast Café on March 29th.
- Hospitality/Fellowship (verbal report by Polly)
 - Laurie Gardner heading up Mardi Gras party, with Laura D. assisting.
 - Marjo and Laura D. agreed to co-lead Hospitality for the remainder of this year.
- Worship & Music (verbal report from Polly & Jill)
 - Discussed Holy Week schedule
- Correspondence (John)
 - Thank yous from ELCA Lutheran Disaster and Episcopal Relief and Development for various donations, some of which included late Christmas designations as well as Wildfire support. Also thank yous from GIFT (Gays in Faith Together) for two donations, one of which was last October.

Treasurer's Report (accepted; Cal moved/Laura K. seconded)

- We're doing good – income ahead of expenses (partly due to some parishioners paying their entire year's pledge at the beginning of the year.)
- Asked Finance where to put about \$30,000 excess funds that we keep carrying over to the next year. Suggestion was to add \$15,000 to each congregation's investment funds.

Old Business:

- Search Process Update
 - Got clarification of processes and questions for input
 - Cal and Mary M. wrote a rough draft of the profile. They hope to have a final by Wednesday, Feb. 26. It will then go to Jill for graphic design and deadline to have that completed will be Thursday, March 13, when the entire joint Search Committee will meet next.
- Hearing Assist Equipment
 - Installed, ready to use.

New Business

- Hospitality Liaison needed
 - See above under Liaison reports
- Synod Assembly
 - Kevin and Pastor Polly going; John has agreed to go as the additional delegate
 - If an alternate is needed, that will be determined at the time of need.
- Parochial Report – Review and Approval
 - Accepted, John given the go-ahead to submit (Kevin moved/Cal seconded)
- March Meeting – Jill absence
 - Laura will take minutes in Jill's absence.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 2024, at 6 PM.

The meeting adjourned approximately 8:40 PM.