

Meeting minutes taken by Laura Kremer

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

Non-voting Present: Laura Daniels

Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM, opened with prayer led by Mary; Laura will lead prayer at the next meeting

Agenda approved with corrections. (Kevin moved/Mary seconded)

Clergy report provided for February/March to date – Accepted. (Cal moved/Kevin seconded)

- Father Michael Fedewa will be supplying March 30 while Pastor Polly is out of town.
- Pastor Galen Knutson will supply when Pastor Polly is out of town in June.
  - It will be Pastor Galen's 50<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary that Sunday, so there will be cake at fellowship time to celebrate.
- On Tuesday, April 22, Two Churches will be hosting the Lutheran Pastors Conference meeting from 9 AM to noon. We will be providing light refreshments.

Prior meeting minutes for February approved as written. (Polly moved/Cal seconded)

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

- Property (written report by Cal)
  - Motion detection sensors have been installed for the lights in both upstairs bathrooms.
  - Joe M. and John believe they can fix the seal around the north drain pipe using hydraulic cement.
  - Cal will be looking into either just patching the biggest holes in the parking lot or replacing the entire parking lot. He will start with Superior Asphalt, as they were highly recommended, but will also solicit bids from a couple other companies.
  - It's possible we may install another rain garden next year, but this will depend on funding from Plaster Creek Stewards, as some of their funding may come from the federal government.
- Community Ministry (written report by Laura)
  - We provided an IHN meal on March 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - There is a St. Mark's Breakfast Café workday on March 29<sup>th</sup>. It was noted that another downtown church provides a pancake breakfast that "competes" with St. Mark's, resulting in leftover food at St. Mark's.
- Hospitality/Fellowship (verbal report by Polly)
  - Sign-up sheets are posted for both the Maundy Thursday potluck dinner and the Easter Sunday breakfast.
- Worship & Music (verbal report by Polly)
  - Holy Week schedule is set and music is chosen through Easter Sunday.
  - There will be a rehearsal for Palm Sunday on April 6.
- Correspondence (verbal report by John)
  - Thank yous from the North/West Lower Michigan Synod for our donation of \$7,200 for 2024 and Episcopal Relief and Development for a donation of \$209, which may be a late Christmas designation. Also thank yous from GIFT (Gays in Faith Together) for our sponsorship of their prom, from The Green Apple for the \$1,501 proceeds from the Spaghetti Dinner, and from Plainsong Farm for a \$100 donation made last March.

Treasurer's Report (accepted; Marjo moved/Cal seconded)

- We're still doing well – income ahead of expenses.
- \$15,000 has been added to Ascension's investment funds and \$15,000 is in the process of being added to Holy Cross' investment funds.
- Diaper Depot has approximately \$20,000 in its account. It was noted that Sally T. obtained cards in multiple languages that explain people's rights with regard to ICE interactions to hand out during diaper distributions.
- John moved to move Holy Cross' rector's discretionary funds to a new account at Chase Bank with Co W., Kevin, and our called Pastor/Rector as signatories; Cal seconded; motion passed.
  - Contributions to the discretionary fund will be tracked.
  - It was noted that ACCESS no longer acts as a clearinghouse for requests for assistance, as their focus has changed to food, and GRACE no longer exists.

#### Old Business:

- Search Process Update
  - The profile is complete with the exception of one edit that needs to be made. It looks great!
  - John needs to talk to Val Ambrose regarding the valuation of the rectory at Holy Trinity, and Holy Trinity needs to decide what they want to do if a called Pastor/Rector doesn't need or want to use the rectory.
  - Cal provided copies of a handout from Canon Sunil Chandy entitled "Preparing to interview." It was noted that items c, f, and g under "round 3" will need to be modified with ELCA language to reflect our hybrid congregation. Cal will compose the new language and provide it to leadership for review and approval.

#### New Business

- Call/Search Procedures (see Search Process Update above)
- Interim Minister Contract Renewal
  - Pastor Polly is willing to serve for another six months. Cal moved that Pastor Polly's contract be extended by six months; Marjo seconded; motion passed with John and Polly abstaining.
  - Laura will "pretty up" the addendum to the contract and get it to Kevin.
- New Copier
  - We own the current copier, but parts are becoming obsolete and difficult or impossible to get.
  - It would cost approximately \$2,400 less over five years to purchase a new copier than to lease one.
  - John moved to purchase a new copier with a finisher for no more than \$12,000, with the funds coming out of the general checking account; Polly seconded; motion passed.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 6 PM (there will not be a meeting in April).

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM with The Lord's Prayer.