

Meeting minutes taken by Jill Barry

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

Non-voting Present: Jill Barry (recorder)

Meeting called to order 5:59 PM, Laura offered the opening prayer.

Agenda approved as written (approved by acclamation)

Prior Minutes for March (no meeting in April) were approved with corrections (Polly moved/Cal seconded)

Clergy report for April & May– Accepted (Kevin moved/Mary seconded)

- Polly will be on vacation June 7 thru June 20

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

- Property (written report from Cal)
 - Sump pump failure after mid-April heavy rain – Joe restarted it with a baseball bat. Still an issue with the west side sump pump that needs to be investigated.
 - Continuing to successfully use live trap for critters by the community garden.
 - In the process of getting bids for church parking lot replacement:
 - Discussed 3 company estimates
 - Decided of the various options offered, milling to 3 inches and repaving is the best option, giving potential life of 15-20 years.
 - Cal will check references for Fricke Asphalt.
- Community Ministry
 - No report.
- Hospitality
 - Kevin will contact Holy Trinity about a potential joint White Caps game outing
 - Discussed potential picnic @ a park sometime in September
- Worship & Music (verbal report from Polly & Jill)
 - Will be picking music for upcoming season on May 29th
 - Polly (and the worship & music team comprised of Polly, Laura K., and Kathy T.) recommend finding a new musician, hopefully seeking someone capable of both piano & organ.
- Correspondence (John)
 - Thank yous from Episcopal Relief & Development, Green Apple, and Plainsong Farm.

Treasurer's Report (accepted along with other liaison reports)

- Still doing good – income still on a par with or slightly ahead of our expenses, and both are just about on par with the budget.
- Still have not seen a bill for the new copier.

Old Business:

- Search Process Procedures
 - Voted to formally approve the Hybrid Interview Process (hybrid due to Episcopal/Lutheran differences in authority, requiring the congregation approve the recommended pastoral candidate for Two Churches, while the vestry approves for Holy Trinity) (Polly moved/ Laura seconded / approved.)

- Search Process Update
 - Verbal report from Cal.

New Business

- Property Updates
 - Elevator weight test – to be conducted by McNally
 - Computer network backup battery – purchased and installed
 - Defibrillator battery – ordered, received and installed
- Finance
 - Apportionment Error – John waiting to hear from the Diocese
 - Audit Committee – audit needs to be completed by Sept. 1
- Together West Michigan Membership Discussion
 - Would need 2 or 3 people to act as “point” people – Polly willing to be one but only after interim position ends
 - Would cost us about \$1300 /year in dues
 - Polly moved that we join at the beginning of 2026; amended to revisit the issue at the October meeting, Mary seconded, passed.
- Synod Assembly
 - Sunday 5/18 thru Tuesday 5/20
 - Pastor Polly, John and Kevin attending (Mt. Pleasant)
 - Will include election of synodical bishop for a 6-year term

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 19, 2025, at 6 PM. Polly & John will be on vacation; Co may attend in John’s stead.

The meeting closed with Lord’s Prayer, and adjourned 8:17 PM.