

Meeting minutes taken by Jill Barry

Members Present: Kevin Barry, Cal Meuzelaar, Laura Kremer (via Zoom), Marjo Jordan, Mary Trasky
Members Absent: John Standley and Pastor Polly Standley (vacation)
Non-voting Present: Jill Barry (recorder), Laura Daniels

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

Agenda approved as written (Kevin moved / Cal 2nd)

Prior Minutes for May were approved with corrections (Kevin moved/Mary 2nd)

Written Clergy report for May/June– Accepted (Kevin moved/Laura 2nd)

Liaison Reports – all reports accepted, including written treasurer’s report (Kevin moved/Mary 2nd):

- Property (written report from Cal)
 - Bhutanese Garden – we continue to live catch and relocate woodchucks (and occasionally other critters).
 - Rain Garden – according to Plaster Creek Stewards, grant funds have been secured for our second garden, as well as for a potential 3rd garden if desired.
 - Elevator – annual inspection completed, now requesting an invoice from the State so we can pay the annual license fee.
 - Bathroom floors have been manually stripped and polished.
 - Church Parking Lot – after checking references, decision was made to move forward with Fricke Asphalt Maintenance for replacement of parking lot, and entrance concrete.
 - Motion: Kevin moved that we move forward with contracting with Fricke Asphalt for replacing the parking lot and entrance concrete, contingent upon notification & possible approval of congregation and finance committee. Marjo seconded. All approved.
- Community Ministry (written report from Laura K.)
 - Will be making personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief as a service project in conjunction with ELCA’s “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday, which is September 7th. Jill Barry to coordinate the project.
- Hospitality
 - White Caps game – no word back from Holy Trinity people.
 - Potential church picnic sometime in September
 - Laura K. got prices for the lodge at Pinery Park – discussed, no decisions made
- Worship & Music – no report, no updates
- Correspondence – none (John absent)

Treasurer’s Report (accepted along with other liaison reports) – written report provided by assistant treasurer Co Walter:

- Income slightly less than budgeted, but expenses lower as well so still doing well.
- Diaper Depot is still in very good shape.
- Recommendation is that our finances are in a great place and that we can afford the redo of the parking lot.

Old Business:

- Search Process Update provided by Cal

- Things are moving along quickly – 4 candidates have been (or will have been shortly) interviewed and 2 candidates are viable possibilities, with one in particular that the entire search team (both TC & HT) are very excited about.
 - 2nd interviews to start soon.
- Property Updates
 - Elevator weight test – done
- Finance Update
 - Audit Committee – audit needs to be completed by Sept. 1
- Together West Michigan Membership Discussion
 - Tabled until October
- Synod Assembly
 - Kevin briefly discussed his experiences at the assembly.

New Business:

- Nominating Committee Reminder

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 17, 2025, at 6 PM.

The meeting closed with Lord's Prayer, and adjourned 7:57 PM.