

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, special guest the Rev. Jonathan Bratt Carle (left early)

Meeting called to order 6:24 PM, Marjo offered the opening prayer.

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

Search Process Update – Special Guest

- “meet & greet” with Leadership Team members
- discussed general preliminary expectations and timeline for the new Pastor/Rector to begin (assuming approved by congregation on Aug. 24), including some time off between the end of his current position and the beginning of this call.
- He would like to attend Diocesan Convention with our delegates (as well as Holy Trinity’s) October 24-25, and his first Sunday presiding would potentially be November 2 (All Saints’ Sunday), with Pastor Polly’s last Sunday being October 26 (Reformation Sunday).
- Informed him about our tradition of a 7-week Advent season, which he was familiar with.

Prior Minutes for July approved with corrections (Kevin moved/Cal 2nd)

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

- Property (written report from Cal)
  - Have let the contacts for Bhutanese Garden know about our parking lot repaving schedule so they can park across the street if they need access to the garden during that week.
  - Parking Lot – cement apron completed, lot itself scheduled to begin Tuesday, Sept. 23 and potentially going thru Thursday of that week. Uncertain of when it will be striped.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Rain garden to be planted Saturday, Sept. 13 from 9 AM to 12 noon. Rain date is Sept. 27.
  - Have installed a taller toilet in the main handicap-sized stall in the women’s bathroom, and a handicap assist bar in the smaller stall. The new toilet still needs a new gasket to be functional.
  - Cal will be meeting with our cleaning person as we have only been getting about 2 hours of cleaning per week when we’ve budgeted for 4 hours.
  - Joe M. & Cal recently repaired some roof shingles – there is a soft spot in the roof approximately over the furnace room that will need to be looked at.
- Community Ministry (written report from Laura K.)
  - Sept. Green Apple collection will be for canned fruits (preferably in juice.)
- Hospitality (verbal report from Pastor Polly, with assistance of Laura Daniels)
  - TC/HT Joint worship and potluck picnic at Caledonia Lakeside Park scheduled for Sunday Sept. 14.
  - Movie Night Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>
- Worship & Music – (verbal report from Pastor Polly / Jill)
  - Organist Update – no luck so far
  - Pet blessing scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM
- Correspondence
  - thank you from Voices from the Border (half of the Easter donations) for \$335.

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

- income down from what is budgeted so far, but expenses are down slightly more

Written Clergy report for July/August– (accepted along with other reports above)

- Synod Bishop Julie Schneider-Thomas' installation service will be September 13 at 4 PM at Trinity Lutheran, Grand Rapids.

Kevin presented copies of the Special Parish Meeting Agenda for Sunday, August 24.

Old Business:

- Together West Michigan Membership Discussion
  - Tabled until October
- Audit Committee (Laura D. / Kevin )
  - Audit will be conducted soon.
- Synod Bishop Elect Installation – see Clergy report above

New Business:

- Diocesan Convention – Friday Oct. 24 & Saturday Oct. 25 in Saginaw.
  - Has been determined that Gwen H. and Robin G. should continue to plan to go despite not being up-to-date on Dismantling Racism class. No response received from Canon Sunil regarding this, so it has been determined they should attend as previously planned.
  - Jill will get everyone registered and make hotel reservations.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 6 PM.

The meeting closed with Lord's Prayer, and adjourned 9:00 PM.