

Meeting minutes taken by Jill Barry

Members Present: Kevin Barry, Cal Meuzelaar, John Standley, Laura Kremer (via Zoom), Mary Trasky (via Zoom), Pastor Polly Standley
Members Absent: Marjo Jordan (out of town)
Non-voting Present: Jill Barry (recording secretary)

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

Agenda approved with addition of discussion about new office computers (Kevin moved / John 2nd/Passed)

Prior Minutes for September approved with two minor corrections (Polly moved/Cal 2nd/Passed)

Written Clergy Report for September (Kevin moved/Mary 2nd/Passed):

- Pastor Polly will ask parishioners for emergency contact info (entirely voluntary) that can be added to our Servant Keeper database in case of emergency while on church property/at church events.

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

- Property (written report from Cal)
 - Third Rain Garden mowed and plastic will be put down in preparation for planting next year.
 - Parking Lot – has been paved, some lawn ridges will need to be fixed – Cal will contact Al Fricke.
 - Bhutanesse Garden – next year, fence will need to be repaired or replaced, deer are “sagging” over it rather than jumping.
 - Custodial – Marjri W. has accepted the custodial position.
 - Roof issues still need to be investigated.
 - Outdoor Logistics will be our snow removal company this year – they have been paid already.
 - Fall Cleanup (outside) scheduled for Nov. 8
- Community Ministry (written report from Laura K)
 - Breakfast Café workday coming up Nov. 29.
 - IHN Dinner – we will not be participating next year due to lack of passion/participation.
 - ELCA Good Gifts Nov 9 & 16.
 - TCTO Ingathering Nov 16.
 - Spaghetti Dinner Nov 14!
 - Be a Santa/Angel Tree Nov. 9 thru Dec 7.
- Hospitality (verbal report from Pastor Polly)
 - Nothing to report
- Worship & Music – (verbal report from Pastor Polly)
 - New Organist Search – nothing new to report
- Correspondence
 - Nothing new.

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

- Income still ahead of expenses, tracking well with the budget.
- Co & John working on preliminary 2026 budget, will present at November leadership meeting.

Old Business:

- Together West Michigan Membership Discussion
 - Tabled until November
- Audit Committee (Laura D. / Kevin)
 - Audit will be conducted soon
- Diocesan Convention – Fri. 10/24 & Sat. 10/25 in Saginaw – Rev. Jonathan Bratt Carle to attend with both Two Churches and Holy Trinity's delegates
- Pastor/Rector Call Update – Letter of Agreement completed.
- Worship Times
 - Holy Trinity preference is for the later time; recommending 9 AM and 11:15 AM, giving Kevin authority to negotiate final times with Rob (HT).
- Nominating Committee – Update from John and Kevin
 - Co will come on (with John going off); Kevin is discussing with Sally to see if she would be willing to serve.

New Business:

- Office Computer Upgrade for Jill
 - John moved that he be allowed to purchase a 2nd desktop Windows 11 computer for the office (exactly the same as one purchased for treasurer); Mary 2nd / All approved.
- No Kings Pop-up Demonstration in front of Breton Woods – several members expected to participate. Was questioned whether participants could use our parking lot to park (not to demonstrate on our property). Approved by unanimous consent.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 6 PM.

The meeting closed with Lord's Prayer and adjourned at 7:36 PM.