**Holy Trinity Council Meeting Agenda**

**Thursday, August 18, 2022**

**6:00 – 8:00 PM**

**We Gather In God’s Name**

**Opening Prayer**

1. In attendance: Judy, Paul, Steve, Tom, Pam
2. Blessings:
3. Devotions - done by Judy. A reflection of Hebrews series preached in the month of August
4. Thank You Cards- Lara Scammon, Bonnie and Jill for VBS,
5. Meeting minutes – July 17, 2022 – approved on line

**We Celebrate and Give Thanks for the Past**

1. Treasurer Report : Doing well in finances due to expenses being down. Offering is only $700 below our annual average to date.
2. Office:
   1. we have deleted 600 from the Elexio to prevent scams or theft attempts from our membership
   2. Mark said we are getting more requests for financial help and gas cards from outside people
      1. Asking social ministry to offer a recommendation. This was typically addressed by pastors

2. Secretary Report – Is Pastor Larson available on September 18th? TBD

3. Ministry Team Reports

a. Serve the Lord – Paul Karl:

* + Caring Connections- Cheryl doing follow up temple talk again in September
  + Making phone calls to people who may want visitation
  + Social Ministry: Jessica Feely computer is down. Wants to have all email addresses and contact info from all teams

b. Grow in Faith formation– Tom Bernth

1. Confirmation
   1. 1st meeting is Sunday September 11th to explain the program
      1. Proposed meeting for confirmation class to lay out the schedule for confirmation for the year.
   2. Confirmation class is each Sunday 10:45 to 11:45AM
   3. Confirm: Is Pastor Luther committing to teach Confirmation at least during his contract? YES
   4. There are 5 kids in 9th, 10th or 11th grade who would be confirmed in May near pentecost
      1. Nobody is confirmed this October
      2. There are currently (2) 1st year confirmands
   5. The confirmation program is from Augsburg Fortress. “Here We Stand” with a bible
   6. Canoe Trip in the works (Tentatively) for confirmation class either Sept 18 or 27th. The hope is at Camp Calumet
   7. There are 2 Camp Calumet confirmation events in late winter/ early spring. (attend just 1)
2. Faith formation Sunday proposed idea
   1. 1 Sunday each month
   2. Pastor to present a program to adults, and people of all ages
3. Sunday school
   1. Only a max of 5 kids to potentially attend each week
   2. **Decided to not have a Sunday School program for K-6**
4. Come Together – Pam Shaw
   1. Pam suggested there is a need for new member classes
      1. Discussion followed
   2. Recognize people who are moving away from the congregation with a blessing

**We Seek God’s Direction for our Church**

* MSP Team Update
  + New welcome statement clarified that we embrace our RIC philosophy and plan to continue to enhance our welcome statement
  + Liquid assets are about $360,000
  + Submit the MSP this week
* Leadership for Property Team – TBD
* Pastor Luther’s contract, starting September 25
* Plan to update by-laws : Address this in fall with Russ Hilliard
* Cross for the Sanctuary: Table till fall
* Active shooter preparation: Local chief of Police coming to church to meet with Mark, Dave M, Judy
* Church insurance – Dave Smith not continuing, looking for replacement
* Indonesian Church concerns discussed regarding their pastor
* One worship service or two – refer to Worship Team: At this time Pastor Luther supports 1 service. Hold for now
* Good News Garage presentation – refer to Social Ministry: Want to have temple talk, approved
* Pastor George’s last service with us – September 11 (possibly the 18th) He has been a great asset and friend

**Upcoming Events**

There will be a singing group on Wednesday Evenings called Amare

**We Look to the Future**

* To-do’s for next month:
* Agenda Items for next month:
* Next Council meeting – September 20, 2022 (Pastor Luther may attend)

**Closing Prayer**