**Holy Trinity Council Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, May 9, 2023**

**6:30 – 8:30**

Present: Judy Evans, Erlinde Beliveau, Pam Shaw, Steve Bauer, Tom Bernth, Ed Mallon, and Pastor Larsen

Excused: Kristin Crawford

**We Gather in God’s Name**

**Opening Prayer**

**Devotions - Erlinde**

**Reflections on past 2 weeks by Council members.**

**Thank you notes to the Transition Team, MSP Team, and Call committee.**

Minutes of April 14, 2023 approved online.

**We Celebrate and Give Thanks for the Past – reports to be posted in the drop box**

* Treasurer Report – See updated information in drop box.
* Secretary Report – No report.
* Ministry Team Reports
  + Serve the Lord – Pam Shaw: No report
  + Grow in Faith – Tom Bernth: Led brief discussion about our new confirmation class’s expectations.
  + Come Together – Ed Mallon: Will be speaking with Pastor Luther.

**We Seek God’s Direction for our Church – Follow-up**

* Synod Assembly follow-up: Glenn Oswald and Kristin Crawford are our representatives. We will vote to support their attendance to the Synod Assembly in a brief congregational meeting held after church on June 4th.
* By-laws – Judy will contact Russ Hilliard. We hope they will be ready for our January 2024 Annual Meeting.
* Property Team – Steve sent out an email, outlining our needs and asking for volunteers. The content of this email will be placed in the Tidings and bulletin as well.
* Steeple Repair – Erlinde will contact Dave to determine status of quotes for this repair.
* Safe Church Policy – Plan to involve Pastor Luther in this process. Judy will resend the Synod Safe Church Policy link to the Council.
* Sanctuary Cross - on hold until Pastor Luther joins us in the fall. We have not received the quote from the Andrew Lane Company.
* Steve shared some thoughts regarding his role on Council. Presently his role will remain the same.

**We Seek God’s Direction for our Church – New Business**

* Semi-annual meeting, picnic, graduation Sunday will be Sunday June 11th
* Plans for the fall, Council Retreat - Council supported a retreat and is in favor of a day at Manchester by the Sea and/or an overnight retreat at Calumet later on in September. Judy will talk to Pastor Luther about this.
* Process of establishing new teams – Begin to think about this process within our church.

**Upcoming Events**

* + Gay Men’s Chorus Concert – May 20, 2023
  + Pastor Luther’s Installation – Need to determine a date well in advance to confirm Lutheran Bishop’s presence. Pastor Larsen encouraged this event to be celebrated by leaders and members of other faith traditions, including but not limited to the Episcopal bishop and other area churches. Judy will talk to Pastor Luther about setting a date.

**We Look to the Future**

* Agenda Items for next month:
* Next Council meeting – June 13

**Closing Prayer**