**Holy Trinity Council Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, June 13, 2023**

**6:30 – 8:30**

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

Excused: Tom Bernth

**We Gather in God’s Name**

**Opening Prayer**

**Devotions – see Devotions schedule**

**Blessings**

**Thank you notes:** Tom and Michelle Bernth-picnic, Laura Scammon and Glenn Oswald– confirmation, Tommy Monareh – grill work

Minutes of May 9, 2023 approved online.

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

* Treasurer Report – Ed Mallon made a motion that we use 10% of the reserve, $4,823, to support our social ministry team work. The council also supported a plan to use $15,000 for needed repairs including updates needed for a fire door, etc.
* Pastor Larsen recommended obtaining statistics for our church’s age brackets and giving by demographic groups. He thought this would be helpful in future planning and long term visions. He also asked if adult forums have included advanced legal and health planning. This is an area stewardship could be a part of, and could include the topic of rediscovering our spiritual gifts.
* Secretary Report – See report
* Ministry Team Reports
  + Serve the Lord – Pam Shaw, no report.
  + Grow in Faith – Tom Bernth, no report.
  + Come Together – Ed Mallon, plans to continue to participate in discussions with Pastor Luther on coming together as a church body.

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

* By-laws – Russ Hilliard, Judy and Steve will continue to work on this.
* Property Team – Discussion on setting time limits of the responsibilities of this team to support engagement.
* Steeple Repair – Support this repair and waiting for updated quotes.
* Safe Church Policy – connect of Synod video link created by Bill Parker
* Sanctuary Cross – Put his on hold so Pastor Luther can be part of this process

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

* Plans for Pastor Luther’s Installation – date is being secured
* Preliminary thoughts about 2024 council – discussion held.
* New Member Class – Fall – Discussion included the class being succinct and reinstating the “mentor” support for new members.
* Fee Schedule for Funerals, Weddings for Nom-members, Members and Friends – discussion focused on fees for non-members only. Mark will explore what other area churches’ fee structures are.
* Building Security – suggestion for security cameras, doorbell made– looking in to the pricing and purchasing of security cameras and doorbells.
* Future discussions with financial impact: Presentation capabilities, Electronic keyboard – plan to wait to have this conversation with Pastor Luther.
* Possibility of an intern for 2024-2025 – supported and discussed how this needs to be a part of a vision plan and financial plan.
* Support for the Indonesian congregation – discussion focused on supporting the Indonesian congregation with in their efforts to procure $14,000 to help with immigration legal fees. In order for Pastor Esther to return to the states, her salary has to be guaranteed for one year. The Indonesian congregation has already come up with 2/3’rds of the monies. Pastor Larsen will talk with the Synod representative to enlist their multi-cultural investment in this process. Pastor Luther will be included as council’s response is to create a “Summer Challenge” for our congregation to help meet this need for our sister congregation.

**Upcoming Events**

* Vacation Bible School – July 9 - 12

**We Look to the Future**

* Agenda Items for next month:
* Next Council meeting – July 13th, **Thursday**

**Closing Prayer**