**Holy Trinity Council Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, November 15,, 2022**

**6:00 – 8:00 PM**

Present: Judy Evans, Paul Karl, Erlinde Beliveau, Pam Shaw, Steve Bauer, Kristin Crawford

Zoom: Pastor Luther, Absent: Tom Bernth

**We Gather In God’s Name**

**Opening Prayer**

1. Blessings
2. Devotions - Judy
3. Thank You Cards
4. Meeting minutes – October 18, 2022

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

1. Treasurer Report – See report

2. Secretary Report – See report

3. Ministry Team Reports

a. Serve the Lord – Paul Karl: information has been in the Tidings and/or the bulletin.

b. Grow in Faith – Tom Bernth, Update on Confirmation: Confirmation will be held on January 8th; thus far, there are 3 candidates.

c. Come Together – Pam Shaw: No report

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

* Leadership for Property Team –no new update.
* Plan to update by-laws – Judy, Steve, Russ Hilliard and Mark Beliveau will be working on this committee. Much discussion centered on clarifying and updating the various responsibilities/functions of the council members. Also spoke of including the possibility of having a confirmed young adult member be a part of future Councils as one of the bylaw changes.
* Cross for the Sanctuary – on hold. Pam Shaw is working on moving the RIC banner to a more prominent space on the indoor garage door.
* Safe Church Policy: Suggestions for involvement with someone from Faith Formation Team. Judy will talk to Tom about this.

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

* Budget Preparation: Stewardship drive reminders will go out again. Results will be gathered by the end of this month.
* One of the goals for next year will be to focus on strategies to help the congregation get to know one another better and discuss how can we best support the hospitability team.
* Nomination Committee for 2023: Please give Paul ideas for nominees for this committee. Presently there is one opening on Council.

**Upcoming Events**

* Advent: Beginning on Wednesday, November 30, and lasting through all of Advent, Bible Study will meet at 4:30 PM instead of its usual time. A Soup Supper will be held at 6:00 PM, and Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30 PM
* Christmas: Christmas Eve services 4:00, 8:00 Pastor Brad Wolf presiding. Christmas Day: Lessons and Carols with Jonathan Boch; New Year’s Day and the Three Wiseman, Lessons and Carols with Pastor George Koch presiding.

**We Look to the Future**

* To-do’s for next month:
* Agenda Items for next month:
* Next Council meeting – December 13, 2022 at **6:30**

**Closing Prayer**