**Holy Trinity Council Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, July 13, 2023**

**6:30 – 8:30**

Present: Judy Evans, Erlinde Beliveau, Pam Shaw, Steve Bauer, and Ed Mallon

Excused: Kristin Crawford, Tom Bernth, Pastor Larsen

**We Gather in God’s Name**

**Opening Prayer**

**Devotions - Ed**

**Blessings**

**Thank you notes – Lara Scammon and Bonnie Sanders, VBS**

Minutes of June 13, 2023 approved online.

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

* Treasurer Report – postponed discussion
* Secretary Report – See report.
* Ministry Team Reports
  + Serve the Lord – Pam Shaw
    - Jessica Feeley dispersed donated funds to the following organizations: Crossroads: $2000, Operation Blessings: $1500, End 68 Hours of Hunger $821, Seacoast Family Promise $500.
    - Welcoming ideas for Our Hands, God’s Work Sunday
    - Looking for 68 Hours of Hunger representative – Lauren Gianino and Kathy McKenna are resigning.
    - Caring Committee: Explore possible AED training and Narcam training/availability
  + Grow in Faith – Tom Bernth, postponed
  + Come Together – Ed Mallon
    - In conversation with Pastor Luther, will wait for his arrival to discuss options

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

* By-laws – Judy will update to present structure of Council; however with Pastor Luther’s input, looking to revise present system to allow for special topic committees.
* Property Team – in process of fixing fire doors.
* Steeple Refurbishment – Dave is obtaining bids.
* Safe Church Policy – please watch Safe Church video from Synod.
* Sanctuary Cross – on hold.
* Plans for Pastor Luther’s Installation
  + Pastor Luther is a part of this planning. Organizing guest list to include other churches, faiths, etc. , a “Celebration Choir”, and the Conference Dean of NH is officiating.
* Fee Schedule for Funerals, Weddings for Nom-members, Members and Friends – Mark is continuing to collect data.
* Support for the Indonesian congregation – discussed and plan to speak to Ade and Tom and ask them to write up an overview of the present needs related to supporting Pastor Esther through the immigration process to return to their church. Also discussed possibly inviting them to the next Council meeting.

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

* Preliminary thoughts about 2024 council – discussion held
* New Member Class – will be scheduled in the fall with Pastor Luther
* Possible dates for fall retreat – wait for other’s input. Looking at October or November

**Upcoming Events**

* Celebration of New Ministry – October 1, 2023, 4pm

**We Look to the Future**

* Agenda Items for next month: Glenn Oswald, Creation Care
* Next Council meeting – August 8, 2023
* Devotions: Steven

**Closing Prayer**