

Holy Trinity Council Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2023

6:30 – 8:30

Present: Pastor Luther, Kristen Crawford, Pam Shaw, Ed Mallon, Erlinde Beliveau, Tom Bernth

Excused Absence: Steve Bauer, Judy Evans

We Gather in God's Name

Opening Prayer

Devotions - Pam

Blessings

Thank you notes - Pastor will verbally thank Wednesday Morning Bible Study group for preparing Advent meal this past Wednesday.

Minutes of November 21, 2023 reviewed, edited, and approved online

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

- Pastor's Report - Highlights reviewed
- Treasurer Report - Brief discussion on reports held
- Secretary Report - No report with the exception of chart detailing monthly use of Pastor's Fund.
- Ministry Team Reports
 - Serve the Lord – Pam Shaw: no report
 - Grow in Faith – Tom Bernth: no report
 - Come Together – Ed Mallon: no report

Follow-up Discussion

- **Follow-up from Indonesian Church forum – 12/10/23**
 - Adult Forum was well attended and accomplished its goal of providing a historical and present needs perspective of the Indonesian Lutheran Church.
- **Budget Preparation Discussion**
 - Spent the remainder of the meeting reviewing and discussing the proposed budget developed by Kristen.
- **Nominating Committee Recommendations**
 - Council vacancies-update and brief discussion
 - Mutual Ministry suggestions - tabled for next meeting

We Seek God's Direction for our Church – New Business

- Vote to accept new members: Applications will be in folder for Council members (created by Mark) to read/review and voting will occur at our next Council meeting on Tuesday January 2nd.
- Creation Care Representative - tabled for next meeting
- Representatives to Synod Convention – June 2024: tabled for next meeting

- Council to prepare soup supper on Dec. 20 - assignments reviewed
- Council attendance at New Member class Dec. 17: Erlinde and Tom will attend.
- Congregation Budget Forum – January 21, 2024
- Annual Meeting – January 28, 2024

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

- Property Team – update: tabled for next meeting
- Safe Church – follow-up: tabled for next meeting
- Planning for Funerals: tabled for next meeting

Next Council meeting – January 2, 2024

Next Budget Preparation meeting - January 9, 2024 via Zoom

Closing Prayer