

Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Thursday, January 7, 2021 7:00PM via Zoom

Purpose

Together in Christ Empowered to Be and Make Disciples

Attending: Pastor Dean, Holly Ulrich, John Kappers, Pastor Tim, Sandy Hanson, Kevin Hanson, Janel Skindelien, Nikki Erickson, Karen Loge, Pastor David, Charles Ulrich, Sara Bennett, Elissa Nelson, Jeanne Ashburn, Jena Berget, Pastor Naomi, Michelle Kotrba, Craig Holmgren, Britta Willenbring, Sara Bennett, Kim Larson

Call meeting to order – Sara called the meeting to order.

Devotion - Jenna Berget

Council Minutes from December – Holly Ulrich moved to accept the December minutes. Nikki Erickson seconded the motion. Correct the spelling of Janel Skindelien and Nikki Erickson. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Craig Holmgren moved to accept the Treasurer's report for December. The motion was seconded by either Holly Ulrich or Kevin Hanson. December was an excellent month. The church had Income of \$113,695 with expenses of \$73,126 with a net of over \$40,000. Balance sheet is strong because of Payroll Protection money. The motion passed.

Staff Reports

1. **Pastor Tim** – Great Dec. The improved spirit of whole community reflected in generous giving Staff reviews in December shows that Calvary is well served by staff.
2. **Pastor Naomi** – Looking forward to Lent Ash Wednesday, Feb 17th. Doing more planning. Working on how to create in Lent what was done in December with program and outreach. Theme: Together called to love together. Plan and backups due to Covid-19.
3. **Pastor Dean** – continues to call members with emphasis on grief care and those struggles. 5 funerals/memorials in the queue.
4. **Pastor David** – Music trying to get some people involved in music, like the Pearsons (SP), those who sang with Christmas carols and Nikki last Sunday. Continuing to try to connect with all. Commitment for continuing ed. Reading Growing Young, having young families at every area of ministry. Along those lines we've done some growing already
5. **Janel**- Blessed with vacation at the end of December. New sense of gratefulness from the Christmas season. Working on group fun. Community church. Hope anticipation starting to plan, 6th grade connections, confirmation, faith circles, etc.

Board Reports –

1. **Board of Children & Family** – no update thank you Kaylee
2. **Board of Finance** – met today. Discussed the second round of Payroll Protection. Will apply, but rules may have changed. We want to keep employment.
3. **Board of Outreach** – First Fruits resolution has been submitted in written form John Kappers moved approval, Holly Seconds

4. **Board of Worship** – Planning on meeting Tuesday. This is Craig Holmgren, Britta Willenbring and Jeremy Schmidt’s last meeting.
5. **Board of Stewardship** –The meeting was missed this week. Grateful for all of council the last three months and the generosity of congregation. Need a new member with Time and Talents skill because financial calendar is strong. Kim Larson says we have some one - Amber Willis. Also legacy giving will be in a future presentation from Pastor Dean.
6. **Board of Youth** – did not meet this month yet. Michael Newberg dealing with medical issues as well.

Nominating committee states Children and Family, Outreach, Stewardship done. Outreach still needs one more as it has been short one member in 2020.

New Business

1. **Approve Annual Meeting Agenda** - Holly moved to accept agenda, Britta seconded. Kim asked what about the quorum. Number is 74/80 in driving in. If need be, we can have a provisional pass and finalize later. Encourage attendance at coffee with council. Updating the constitution to model constitution. Substantive changes are minor. If anything new one is not very different. During 2021 we should look at the Bylaws. Motion carries.
2. **Coffee with Council** – Coffee with Council via Zoom Sunday, January 17th at 9AM and Zoom Wednesday January 20th 7:15 PM. Jeanne suggests using Signup Genius. Shoot Sara an email with which Coffee with Council you want to go to.
3. **Topic of the month – 2021 Theme #CalvaryTogether** based on our mission statement – Together in Christ. Naomi and Sara said our mission statement was highlighted in September – “Connectivity and Community” came to the top in October. The idea was to partner the theme with a cause each month or quarter. Pull together songs, versus and even local organizations. Grow mobile outreach together, Community garden growing together. Possible logo change. How can this be brought forward by the boards? Example, Outreach could clean up the Bethesda property; Creation Care could have a plot at the community garden, Collect socks and hats for the homeless. Shirts and yard signs will be available. Work on geographic small groups.
4. **Covid-19 Discussion** - Staff came to Executive Committee with 2 requests related to baptisms, funerals etc. Task force will reconvene next Monday 1/11/21 to set benchmarks on reopening now that the Governor has loosened restrictions. No food or drink is allowed, but 50% occupancy without a ceiling is OK, We could do a special vote next Thursday after task force meets. Further discussion for task force – can we do indoor annual meeting? Possibly.

Closing Prayer – Pastor David