

Calvary Council – Together in Christ, Empowered to Be and Make Disciples

Tuesday, March 9th, 7pm Bethel

Attending: Pastor Naomi, Janel Skindelien, Michelle Kotrba, Erica Mathews, Karen Loge, Pastor David, Pastor Tim, Shawn Swenson, Shane Baker, Jena Berget, Kim Larson, Charles Ulrich, Jeanne Ashburn, Karina Rice, Holly Ulrich, Pam Dekraai, Amber Willis, Sara Bennett, Elissa Nelson

Zoom: Kevin Hanson, Nikki Erickson, Sandy Hanson, Mary Jo De Cathelineau

Devotions: Pastor David led devotions and an ice breaker using the Growing Young book.

Approval of Minutes for February 9, 2021 Council Meeting: Meeting minutes need some adjustments. Sara Bennett's last name needs to be added, the spelling of Janel's name needs to be corrected. Pastor David's report needs the full names of the musicians added. Update Jena Berget's name and Erica Mathews names. Shawn would like to amend the financial report to be more specific. Shawn Swenson motions to approve the amended minutes, seconded by Holly Ulrich. Motion passed.

Approval of January Financials – Jena Berget presented February numbers. Contributions were under by \$12,500. Expenses were less than budgeted by \$9000. We have a yearly loss of \$3000 but it looks good compared to last year. Discussion was had regarding what will be done with the positive return from last year. Kim Larson moved to approve, and Karen Loge seconded. Motion passed.

COVID task force update:

Easter Services: Worship board brought forward Easter services being at 7:30am outdoor (drive in), and the 8:30 am and 10:30 am services will be indoors. Charles Ulrich moved to approve, and Jeanne Ashburn seconded. Motion passed.

Communion: Worship board would like to resume doing communion, especially before Maundy Thursday services for the second graders First Communion. There was some discussion on whether it will be processional or in the pews. Discussion was had about having a dry run beforehand to determine spacing and logistics. Amber Willis moved to approve, and Charles Ulrich seconded. Motion passed.

Singing in the Sanctuary: Task force does not have a timeline for singing. MN Department of Health is still not recommending singing as of their Feb 12 guidelines. If we chose to sing, we would need to separate households by more than 6 feet which would allow for less people in the sanctuary. No vote was taken because we are taking no action.

Board Reports:

Executive: Two committees were formed, one for Constitution Review and one for the Anniversary. The Constitution committee will be Corey Nelson, Linda Mathaison, and Brian Hendrickson. The anniversary committee is Kim Larson, Jean Berg, Brian Hendrickson, and Krista Willis. Jeanne motioned for these members to be approved, Shake Baker seconded. Motion passed.

Board of Worship: Mary Jo De Cathelineau reported they are working on Easter services and how to get people back to going to church.

Finance: Kevin Hanson had 2 items to report to council. Executive committee had asked the finance board to find \$1000 for Mallory Loge for her ministry, so they will be reviewing where to take that money from. Secondly, they have decided that they need to purchase Cyber Insurance to protect ourselves and our givers and well as protecting us against of loss of data and time. The insurance will be \$1250 a year and they decided it was well worth the investment with more of our ministry going online.

Board of Stewardship: Charles Ulrich discussed how to handle time and talents during the pandemic as well as how to communicate those most effectively. Easter appeal letter will be going out March 22nd. Pastor Tim is working on a new program to deal with the envelope system.

Board of Youth: Karen Loge reports that they have two goals this year, the first being to utilize the green space and moving forward to improve that area. Secondly, they are working on getting young adults involved and working on volunteer development.

Board of Children: Elissa Nelson reports they will be having an Easter egg hunt in the green space on March 28th, back up date is April 3rd. They are also looking at doing a Talent show possibly May 23rd for the kids. Camp sign ups are coming in nicely and we are still on track to have Day camp in July.

Staff Reports:

Pastor Tim: Thanked the staff for the effort and activities the staff are working on.

Pastor David: He is working on Lenten and Easter services as well as concluding the book study on Trouble I've Seen.

Pastor Naomi: She reports that she is feeling healthy, doing great and all her tests have been normal. She thanks everyone for their concern.

Janel: She reports she is glad to have events to look forward to. First Communion is coming for 15 second graders.

Monthly topic: The council discussed the make up and structure of the council. The Constitution committee will be looking for ideas and input. Council discussed if the council is too large. It has been difficult to get enough members each year. Sara provided a sample council structure that included 12 council members that are liaisons to the boards/committees. There was some discussion on the best size, that would be large enough to represent the entire congregation but not so large that we have trouble operating. The council also discussed if we need to keep the current term limits, as people tend to finally get comfortable being on council on year 3 and then they must take a year off and some knowledge is lost, so that is something we would like the Constitution Committee to investigate. Discussion was also had in possibly adding a few new boards for Care of Creation and the Library and History committees. There was also some discussion on whether we should change the by-laws so that when we are gifted land, that it be immediately sold, like what we do with stock currently. This would not be retroactive.

New Business: A Council retreat will be set up for some time in April. Council needs to tackle the vision for the future, review the synod report and staffing for the upcoming year. No date was decided yet and we are looking at a Saturday morning or a weekday evening.

Adjourn: Holly Ulrich moves to adjourn and Amber Willis seconds. Motion passes

Closing prayer – Pastor Tim