

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

Tuesday, April 13th, 2021- Bethany Hall- 7pm

Attending: Nikki Erickson, Pam Dekraai, Janel Skindelien, Amber Willis, Kim Larson, Richard Wog, Sara Bennett, Pastor Naomi, Pastor Tim, Pastor Dean, Jena Berget, Michelle Kotrba, Karina Rice, Erica Mathews, Mary Jo DeCathelineau, Pastor David, Charles Ulrich, Shawn Swenson, Holly Ulrich, Karen Loge, Elissa Nelson

Zoom: Kevin Hanson

Devotions: Pastor Naomi led devotions and an icebreaker regarding keychain leadership.

Approval of Minutes for March 9, 2021 Council Meeting: Holly Ulrich motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mary Jo DeCathelineau. Motion passed.

Approval of January Financials – Jena Berget presented March numbers. Contributions were under by \$11,000. Expenses were less than budgeted by \$6000. We have a loss of \$5000 but it looks good compared to last year. Charles Ulrich moved to approve financials, and Karen Loge seconded. Motion passed.

Board Reports:

Board of Worship: Mary Jo DeCathelineau reported they are continuing to work on engagement in worship and are planning the summer worship season. Currently planning on a nine am worship service indoors and possibly another one outdoors. Planning on moving back to wafer and wine communion after the pre-packaged ones are gone.

Finance: Shawn Swenson reported that Duane Amundson came to them from Building and Ground committee and presented bids for repair of the church bell. The bell is in tough shape and has not been touched since its placement in 1974. They are also looking at sanctuary lighting. Lighting was first implemented in 2004 and needs to be updated now that we are doing more online worship.

Board of Stewardship: Amber Willis reported that they have revised the Time and Talents form, as well as the renaming of the form to be “Connect with Calvary”. She requested the council review the new form for edits to be submitted before the council retreat. Once approved, the new form will be emailed out using Constant Contact to those who have email, the rest will be mailed.

Board of Youth: Karen Loge reports that they are continuing to work on utilizing the green space and moving forward to improve that area. Senior Recognition Sunday will

be May 23. A summer trip for youth is planned to Duluth June 27-Jul 1. The youth may do a little bit of fundraising in the form of a bake sale or a flower sale.

Board of Children: Elissa Nelson reports they will be having a talent show on May 23. They are planning to do a children/family event at least once a month. They are hoping to connect with the worship board on how to engage young families in worship.

Executive Board: The council retreat is planned for April 27 from 5:15pm to 9:00 p.m. and they are encouraging as much participation as possible. Seven people can attend the upcoming Synod Assembly, and it is virtual this year. Contact the office if you would like to sign up.

Staff Reports:

Pastor Tim: Five new members will be joining Calvary on Sunday April 18. The constitution/anniversary committees are meeting Monday April 19 and Wednesday April 21. He notes that we are required to put in the council minutes the designated housing allowance for the staff:

Pastor Tim- \$25,000

Pastor Naomi- \$20,000

Pastor David- \$13,655.00

Pastor Dean- \$14,945.40

Pastor David: He has begun visiting people at Copperleaf now that it is allowed. He has been discussing the option of creating a community music center in our congregation. Pastor David is still working on music for worship, but is ready to pass it on when he can.

Pastor Naomi: She reports that they are busy working on the library, and are hoping to reopen it in the fall. Volunteers have been weeding out books, rearranging shelves, and they are hoping to paint the area and add new furniture. A trip to Camp house will be over the Fourth of July holiday and she welcomes anyone to join. Pastor Naomi has been pre-identified as a candidate for bishop. She is in deep discernment about if this is the right path for her.

Janel: She reports the Easter egg hunt was a success on Palm Sunday. Fifteen students received their first communion on Maundy Thursday. She is looking forward to the Talent show on May 23 and working on communication for that event. Confirmation and 6th grade connection have resumed after lent.

Monthly topic: The council discussed what has changed in our lives from the pandemic. Positive changes have also emerged even with all the negative things that

the pandemic has brought. The council was asked to reflect on what positive changes Calvary has made and how we can continue on that path.

New Business: Pastor Tim spoke regarding the Synod Resource Teams findings. He has been working with staff and has decided to leave Calvary. He may stay in the area and do interim work, and he will be placing his mobility paper in Iowa so he can be closer to family. His last Sunday will be May 16. He feels that at this time Calvary needs to have a stronger Administrative Pastor.

Kevin Hanson made a motion to extend Pastor Tim's salary and benefits for 4 months if he does not have a call by the end of his PTO time. Mary Jo DeCathelineau seconded. Motion passes.

Adjourn: Shane Swenson moved to adjourn and Mary Jo DeCathelineau seconded. Motion passed.

Closing prayer – The Lord's Prayer