

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

**Tuesday, August 10, 7pm Bethany Hall**

**Attending:** Shane Baker, Mary Jo DeCathelineau, Jena Berget, Sandy Hanson, Kevin Hanson, Richard Wog, Shawn Swenson, Dean Johnson, Teri Sokulski, Sara Bennett, Kim Larson, Karen Loge, Charles Ulrich, Pam DeKraai, Holly Ulrich, Jeanne Ashburn, Elissa Nelson, and Karina Rice. Special guests Bridget Pederson and Brian Henrickskon

**Devotions:** Pastor David led devotions.

**By-laws committee:** Brian and Bridget spoke on behalf of the by-laws committee; they will be making the survey regarding the by-laws live again, so those who have not done it can complete it. They hope the survey can bring us to what the best structure of council is. Council will need to make decisions in November so it can be brought to the congregation in January.

Please reach out to one of members of the committee to share your thoughts,

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**Approval of June minutes:** No July meeting or minutes. Shake Baker motioned to approve, Kim Larson seconded. Motion passed.

**Approval of Financial minutes:** Jena Berget presented the financials, currently at a deficit of 65k, under on expenses by 7k, total income and contributions are down 35k. Shawn Swenson motioned to approved, Kevin Hanson seconded. Motion passed.

### **Board reports:**

**Board of Outreach:** Holly reported they met today, they are sending out cards to the graduated senior. Nothing to vote on.

**Board of youth:** Karen Loge reported that Vacation bible school went well; they used the green space with Bethel and Vinje. The Duluth service trip with senior high went well. Fall programming is organized, and Dinner church will be at 6pm on Wednesdays, 6<sup>th</sup> grade connection, and confirmation are beginning again and sr. high activities on Wednesday. The board is hoping there could be welcome signage on the green space- something like “Calvary’s park- all are welcome to use and be respectful.” Summer 2022 will be the National Youth Gathering.

**Board of children:** Rally day will be September 19; they will have bouncy houses and mini donuts. There will be a 9:15 outdoor service with bible presentation and Sunday school teacher installation

**Board of worship:** The board made a motion for three services – Saturday at 5:30pm, Sunday 8:00 am and 10:15 am, the exception would be rally Sunday, which would be 8:00am and 9:15am. Mary Jo DeCathelineau made a motion, Jeanne Ashburn seconded. Motion passed.

**Board of stewardship-** The board has finalized new envelopes for giving electronically and regular giving. 23k has been donated for the bell and the lighting already. They are working on new ideas to make sure everyone feels included in church. They are also working on fall stewardship.

**Executive:** Sara presented that the staff has asked that we put the hiring of a consultant on hold. The staff is still driving forward but they want to keep it on the back burner for now. They need time to hone in on the scope of what we need from the consultants. COVID is ramping back up and the task force was on hiatus, they have re engaged and they want some new vision and new voices. They will be adding some new individuals and restructuring the committee. At this point, it is still in place that masks are for singing and the unvaccinated. Pastor Dean asks if you have ideas about how Calvary should handle COVID, that you tell the task force. If anyone wants to be on the task force, contact Pastor Dean

**Board of Finance-** The board is working on Employee Retention tax Credit with CDS. It looks like we will get 31k for 2020 and 40k for 2021- we haven't received it, but it looks good. They report we will need 12k to spend on the roof as it is 30+ years old on the chapel and friendship room, and will need to be replaced in the future.

Shawn Swenson brought forth a presentation regarding the Jerry Anderson farmland. Please digest this information and reach out to finance if you have any questions.

#### **Staff reports:**

**Pastor Dean:** He motioned that new members be accepted -Gary and Julie and Tammy Newberg. In addition, Cheryl Sheldahl Mulder wants to transfer to Christian reformed church. Kevin Hanson made a motion to approve. Holly Ulrich seconded. Motion passed.

*Building and Grounds:* The Pavilion has been landscaped with new stones, and has been used by the community. Next week, the bushes will be trimmed, and they will be discussing the signage for the property.

*Svea Lutheran church-* A 3-page document was presented to align Calvary with Svea and provide services for Sunday morning, pastoral care, weddings, funerals, etc. Staff believes another part time person will be needed for that, paid by Svea. Staff is working through those items.

*Anniversary:* The anniversary committee continues to meet and are anxious to get moving on events. They are working to get the stage set for 2022 so we are ready to celebrate 150 years.

There are 5 baptisms in august, 1 wedding.

**Pastor David:** Confirmation planning is under way and he is the point person. He is working on connecting with the congregation.

Pastor Naomi and Janel are on vacation.

**New Business:**

Kevin Hanson brought a motion to bring a non-term call for Pastor David beginning October 1, Charles Ulrich seconded. Motion passed.

Congregational meeting: We will need a congregation meeting with a 3-week notice to vote for Pastor David's call. September 12 was determined to be the best date for the congregation meeting. Executive will work out the logistics.

Music Director: Mary Jo brought a motion forward to recommend Naomi Powers- Baker for the music director position. Kevin Hanson seconded. Motion passed.

**Adjourn:** Holly motioned to adjourn, Karen Loge seconded.