

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

**Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm Bethany Hall**

**Attending:** Jena Berget, Jeanne Ashburn, Pastor David Severtson, Pastor Dean Johnson, Pastor Naomi Mahler, Teri Sokulski, Sandy Hanson, Amber Willis Janel Skindelien, Naomi Baker, Richard Wog, Kevin Hanson, Mary Jo DeCathelineau, Holly Ulrich, Charles Ulrich, Shawn Swenson, Pam DeKraai, Karina Rice, Elissa Nelson, Sara Bennett, Karen Loge. Special Guests: Corey Nelson and Bridget Peterson

**Devotions:** Pastor Dean led devotions.

**By-laws committee:** Corey Nelson went over the two main areas of discussion- which are Council size (8-12 members), separate boards from council. Every council member would serve on a board but there are board members are not on council. Discussion was had on these items.

**Approval of June minutes:** Elissa Nelson motioned to approve august minutes; Holly Ulrich seconded. Motion passed

**Approval of Financial minutes:** Jena Berget presented. The general fund ended positive 6k, budget to actual 10k better for general fund, total income is down 25k, but expenses are also down 15k. Overall, YTD down 55k for the general fund. Karen Loge motioned to approve. Shawn Swenson seconded. Discussion was had regarding starting with a deficit budget or should we be balanced. Motioned passed.

### **New Business:**

**Farmland:** A discussion regarding the farmland was had. Discussed pros and cons on whether we should sell. Richard Wog made a motion to bring the resolution for the farm sale to the congregation, Charles Ulrich seconded. Discussed the reserve price per acre and the date for vote. Motioned passed.

**Svea:** We may need to hire a part time interim pastor to help with the Svea project through the end of the year. Pastor Ingrid Skilbred is the candidate who would be considered. This would only be until the end of 2021. Richard Wog made a motion to ratify the Calvary/Svea agreement and adding the interim part time pastor. Kevin seconded it. Motion passed. Svea will vote on the motion on Thursday.

### **Board reports:**

**Board of Outreach:** Holly Ulrich reported they met, discussed family promise will be here the week oct 19. Nothing to vote on.

**Board of youth:** Karen Loge reports that the Greenspace has been improved, landscaping was done, grass seeding etc. They discussed how can we make it better. They are working on a group for 18–25-year-olds and outreach. Building and grounds will work on seeding the grass. They would like a plaque or a sign that says 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. Please sign up to help with games.

**Board of worship:** Mary Jo presented. They are brainstorming ideas for Willmar fest, talked about engagement and meeting with youth and family and children boards. Considering doing gift packs or outreach to new members of the community.

**Board of stewardship-** Amber Willis presented, they are talking about giving an item as a thank you for bell and lighting donations. Letter will be sent out for future giving and will list the positive things that are going on at calvary. Stewardship Sunday is November 14, no breakfast is planned at this time.

**Executive:** Sara presented that we are looking at adding a Coordinator position. She presented a detailed job description. Dawn has accepted a position at Bethesda- her last day is Sept 22. We need the pastors to focus on the outreach and have someone fill in the gaps. Position is posted.

Sara talked about project of doing some painting and flooring upgrades to the church. Council was presented 2 bids for those projects. Kevin made the motion to approve the flooring and painting bid. Holly seconded. Motion approved.

#### **Staff reports:**

**Pastor Dean:** 22 people attended grief care (9 calvary members). Half were new attendees. They are working at updating the Ministry Site Profile bringing to council to bring for a call for a new Administrative Pastor. He gives thanks to the staff for the hard the work they have been doing.

**Pastor David:** Confirmation is under way, roughly 30 students have returned. Currently have 8 small group leaders.

**Pastor Naomi-** Library is under construction-some books have been removed using a process approved across library science. Library is going to be revamped and reinvigorate it. Books that are being moved out are being brought to half price books.

**Naomi Powers-Baker-** She is working to get a bell choir together. She has started taking organ lessons. She has a list of volunteers for praise band that will be restarting soon.

**Other business: COVID task force –** New guidelines came out of a meeting from Joel Halbritter, Lyle Loge and Charles Ulrich. Conversation was had on what recommendations to follow without state guidelines. If you have a congregation member or 2 that would be good for the new COVID committee, please let Executive know.

Motion was brought to allow singing with masks by Mary Jo DeCathelineau. Karina Rice seconded. Motion passed.

**Adjourn:** Karen Loge motioned to adjourn, Karina Rice seconded.