

## October 12, 2021 Council Meeting

Present: Richard Wog, Janel Skindelein, Mary Jo DeCathelineau, Pastor David Severtson, Jeanne Ashburn, Charles Ulrich, Shawn Swenson, Michelle Kotrba, Sandy Hanson, Sara Bennett, Kim Larson, Teri Skokulski, Pastor Dean Johnson, Erica Mathews, Holly Ulrich, Kevin Hanson, Pastor Naomi Mahler, Jena Berget, Pam DeKraai, Naomi Powers- Baker, Karen Loge  
*Special Guests: Brian Hendrickson, Corey Nelson, Bridget Pederson, Jean Berg, Krista Willis*

**Devotions:** Pastor Naomi led devotions

**The constitution committee-**The constitution committee broke the council into 4 groups to discuss the proposed org chart.

**Anniversary committee-** The anniversary committee presented some additional information and budget for the 150th anniversary and some of the events. Discussed the dedication of the bell, the timeline wall, and maybe some outdoor concerts and many special projects.

**Previous Council Minutes-** Elissa made a motion to approve September minutes. Kevin Hanson seconded. Discussed to change the minutes to August versus June. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** September we had income of 51k and expenses of 65k so down 15k. Expenses are in line but giving is down. Discussion was had regarding how we deal with lack of giving. Karen made a motion to approve, Holly seconded it. Motion passed.

**Pastor Dean Johnson-** Svea is going well. Pastor Ingrid is leading the charge going there on Mondays for office hours. Grief Care had 22 visitors, 11 from Calvary, and 11 from other congregations.

**Pastor Naomi Mahler-** They are working on painting and remodeling the library. The whole library is on an online catalog and public use is coming. She has been attending some youth sports where some kids in the congregation are participating. She went to the ordaining of the new bishop in the Granite Falls church. They had a pumpkin carving competition on Sunday for 8-12th grade that was a success and the older kids helped the younger kids to be more involved.

**Pastor David Severtson-** Wednesday nights are off to a good start- they had 90 people. Confirmation and adults were 60+. October 25th there will be a meeting to talk about anti-racism meeting held at 6:30pm working off the "Trouble I've Seen" study.

**Janel Skindelein-** Wednesday night 6th grade connection is new this year and she is teaching 6th grade. They have 9 or 10 and one from Svea. She is sending weekly Sunday School emails to both Calvary and Svea. 1st-5th graders are singing in worship this Sunday Oct 17th. They are doing the Safeguard from abuse training for leaders this October. Early Childhood Sunday school started Oct 3rd and had 12 kids.

**Naomi Powers-Baker:** Had bell choir started which has 13 members. Praise band came back last Sunday and will keep happening. Organ will be played for Reformation and All Saints Sunday.

**Teri Skokulski-** They are looking for office volunteers, in 2 shifts. Contact the office if you would like to volunteer.

**Board of Children and Family-** Elissa- Trunk or Treat will be Oct 30th from 1-3 in the parking lot. We need more trunks. The Christmas program is Dec 12th at 10:15 am for the younger kids and 1:30 for 1st-5th grade kids. We met jointly with the worship and youth and family board to discuss ideas for worship engagement of all ages.

**Board of Youth and Family:** Karen- National Youth Gathering is in Summer of 2022. Getting together to get a Young Adult group of 18-22 together and will send invitations out for that. Discussed goals for 2022. They would like to see that greenspace up and going so that every board has a vision of what they would like it to be. Need some practical use updates to keep it safe and easy.

**Board of Outreach:** Holly- they met tonight, finished cards for graduates. They are looking at the bus and how we can get that back now that things are starting back up. Discussed the 150th anniversary. They are partnering with the board of stewardship for the food drive for Nov 14, 21, and 28th.

**Board of Stewardship:** Chuck- Nov 14th is Stewardship Sunday- letter has been drafted and is being vetted, should go out next week. A key feature will be outlining what has been done in the last year. Working on a second letter for RMD giving and the tax. Continuing the bell and lighting fund. They will be getting bell ornaments that have the 150th anniversary for those who donated to those funds. Discussed ordering more for purchase for those who want.

**Board of Finance:** Kevin: Farmland motion passed last Sunday. Thank you to Shawn Swenson for the presentation and the council support was good. He drafted a letter to go to 2 or 3 auction services to get proposals and marketing plans. The interest and dividends can continue to be used for capital. The debt for Bethesda will be paid and the principal will be invested. Working on buying a new phone system for the office- its outdated and the new one is minimal cost and its state of the art. Lighting and Bell fund has collected \$43k, the lighting system is up and working. They are working on the sharp shadows that are being cast. Looking for other options that are not so expensive. Working on looking at the Anniversary fund budget, they are able to use the Advent funds for the Jan 9 kick off. Discussed ways to show where we are in the process of the funds.

**Board of Worship:** Mary Jo - went over some ideas on how to get Youth and Children involved in Worship. Thanksgiving will be 6:30 on Nov 24th, hoping to serve pie afterwards. Norwegian

service will be held and Christmas services will hopefully all be indoors 3:30, 5:30 and 10pm. Christmas Day Service - Christmas at the barn service that Svea has, could we do a joint service? On Dec 26, there will be one service at 9:30am

**Executive Board:** Much conversation on the farmland was had as well as budgets and anniversary committee.

**New Business: Budget-** 2022 budget is being worked on and will go out to boards so they can be discussed in the November meeting and can be agreed on and voted on for the December meeting. **Strategic Planning and Ministry Site Profile:** Been discussing strategic plan and consulting firm and the new amendment regarding the strategic plan so that we can put out a call for the Administrative Pastor. Discussed the timeline of the MSP and how to go about it.

**Vision:** Kim asked all the council members to think about what the vision of Calvary would look like and we can collectively come together. Also need to discuss the money that Jerry Anderson designated for the courtyard and the narthex remodels. Also discussing the strategic plan from 2013 and how we can put that into place.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Kevin made motion to adjourn, Holly seconded. Motion passed.