

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

Tuesday November 9, 2021- 7pm Bethany Hall

Present: Janel Skindelein, Mary Jo DeCathelineau, Pastor David Severtson, Jeanne Ashburn, Charles Ulrich, Shawn Swenson, Michelle Kotrba, Sandy Hanson, Sara Bennett, Teri Sokulski, Pastor Dean Johnson, Erica Mathews, Holly Ulrich, Pastor Naomi Mahler, Jena Berget, Pam DeKraai, Karen Loge, Amber Willis, Shane Baker

**Devotions:** Pastor David led devotions

**Previous Council Minutes-** Update to Teri's last name. Elissa made a motion to approve October minutes. Shane Baker seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** October down 8k.. Position year to date is a 77k loss. 35k more in expenses than budgeted for year to date. Similar financial position to last year. Jena made a motion to approve financial reports, Charles Ulrich seconded it. Motion passed.

**Pastor Dean Johnson-** Pastor Ingrid's report was given to the council. Nov 18 there will be a Svea meeting, there will be an open forum to discuss the arrangement. Remodeling is coming to a conclusion. Carpeting will be concluded shortly. Technology and Lighting met last week, they will be sending an Engineer soon to go over the issues, with sharp shadows and other issues. Grief care is going well. The Anniversary committee will have a 40 ft timeline put up in Bethany hall.

**Pastor Naomi Mahler-** Care of Creation is putting out some bins for recycling of plastic and textiles. If we collect 500lbs of plastic in 6 months we can get a free bench made from recycled plastic. They are also having a retreat this weekend at GLBC and is open to other churches with a special speaker and 30 people are already registered. A group is forming to help people learn about anti-racism outreach, they met at the end of October. They are working at getting kids signed up for the national youth gathering. They had a women's retreat last weekend at GLBC.

**Pastor David Severtson-** Staff has been meeting to talk about clarifying roles, they will have "Pastor of" for the roles. Pastor David will be the faith formation and congregational care. He has been looking into some form of a Stevens Ministry but the training is a little less intensive. This would allow lay people to do congregational care in a one on one setting.

**Janel Skindelein-** She wanted to thank everyone who helped at Trunk or Treat, they had 500-600 kids and 16 trunks, it was a great day and well appreciated. They have started preparing for the Christmas programs on Dec 12, little kids will be during worship, the older kids will be at 1:30pm. Early Childhood Sunday was held last Sunday and a lot of good connection is happening and it helps little kids prepare for when they will go to Sunday School. They are

redoing the old youth room and making it more suited for a multi purpose space for meetings and gathering.

**Teri Sokulski-** Last week got the stewardship letter out, and another one will go out next week. She will be out starting Friday November 12 and planning to be back on the 29th. Beth Bloomquist and Krista Willis will be filling in.

### **Board of Children and Family-**

**Board of Youth and Family:** Karen reported that they met last Thursday. They discussed the Christmas program and National Youth Gathering and fundraising options. They discussed nominations for the board and reviewed their budget and notes for the annual meeting.

**Board of Outreach:** Holly reported that they met tonight. They had a visit from Family Promise, they reported they will still be using one location to house families until February, but want to eventually get back to the churches. They are looking for someone to serve on their board. They appreciate that Calvary gives routinely to their mission. The board discussed the first fruits and are going to do a food drive the next 3 Sundays inside the church. This is in place of the stewardship breakfast.

**Board of Stewardship:** Charles presented that the fall stewardship letter went out with commitment cards. A second letter will go out with more information regarding our current situation. They presented a letter to the council so it could be reviewed ahead of time. They have two temple talks and will do one more next week. They put together a display board with an update on how we are doing with the bell and lighting fundraising. Discussed getting a gift for those who are giving to the fund and it can be picked up at the office. December they will send letters to those who sent commitment cards thanking them and to those who did not, asking them to send them in.

**Board of Finance:** Shawn reported that they met in October to start the budget process and the process for a new phone system. They have met several times to discuss budgets and done a lot of work towards that.

**Board of Worship:** Mary Jo reported that they met with Youth and Children boards and are going to start looking how to incorporate children and youth in ushering and music. They may work on a youth choir or praise team. Thanksgiving there will be pie and coffee after the service. They discussed Christmas services and we will have a Christmas Day service at 9:30am and the January 3rd service will be at 9:30. They are working on a bulletin board for suggestions on favorite hymns and music.

**Executive Board:** Sara reported that Finance and Executive voted to extend a contract with Fladeboe to sell the Jerry Anderson land. Marketing is happening and a tentative date is in place.

**New Business: Budget-** 2022 Budget draft has been prepared. Jena Berget walked through a summary and will provide the council a copy in the next few days. The 2022 budget will have a 39k loss. The budget does not include the ERC credit we will receive in 2022 of \$72,809, we just don't know the time it will arrive and it could get audited and changed so it was not included. They walked through and looked at historic actuals and did some clean up work. The board of finance asks everyone to review *it very thoroughly* and ask questions before the December council meeting. The goal is to leave December's council meeting with an approved budget, please ask your questions outside the meeting so we can pass it at the December meeting.

**Strategic Planning and Ministry Site Profile:** The MSP was done recently and needs some small changes. We are looking to start a lay person task force to make those changes as it needs to be done before a call committee can be formed. Executive believes that the MSP and the Strategic plan can be done at the same time. Please start thinking about people who would be willing and able, so we can form a 4-5 person committee. It will probably one be one meeting. Executive discussed that we may need a few listening sessions of the congregation as well. Executive also discussed the need for a plan for the money that would be received from the sale of the Jerry Anderson farm. There was a building committee a few years ago that would be willing to come back to council and share a little of what was done so we can decide if we can utilize any of that work or if we need to start over.

**The constitution committee-**The constitution committee brought forth a proposed constitution and Pastor Naomi walked through a few points. The changes that have been made were things that needed to be updated to bring it to code. Shawn Swenson made a motion to vote on the proposed constitution. Mary Jo seconded it. A written ballot was taken. Motion passed. (11 yeses, 2 no's and 1 abstain).

**Nominating Committee:** Last annual meeting the following members were voted in to join the nominating committee; Kaylee Jahrus, Bridget Peterson and Michael Newberg. We will have 8 open positions to fill. We need 3 outgoing council members to join the nominating committee. If your board has brainstormed names, please send them to Sara. The Nominating committee will take the names and contact the individuals.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Amber Willis made motion to adjourn, Sandy Hanson seconded. Motion passed.