

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

Tuesday February 8, 2022- 6:30 p.m. Friendship Room

Present: Pastor Dean Johnson, Pastor Naomi Mahler, Pastor David Severtson, Shawn Swenson, Shane Baker, Amber Willis, Keith Neumann, Jen Halvorson, Erica Mathews, Ace Bonnema, Richard Wog, Kim Larson, Karen Loge, Karina Rice, Naomi Powers-Baker, Michelle Fernholz, Mary Jo de Cathelineau, Caleb Hanson, - Via Zoom- Kevin Hanson, Sandy Hanson and Janel Skindelien

Devotions: Pastor Naomi Mahler led devotions.

Previous Council Minutes- Shawn Swenson made a motion to approve January 2022 minutes. Karen Loge seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Kevin reported \$87,832.98 in income for the month of January 2022 and \$69,722.90 was budgeted, expenses were down at \$73,774.99 from \$75,328.70 budgeted. January was a good month for giving. Kevin Hanson made a motion to approve financial reports, Shawn Swenson seconded it. Motion passed.

Election of Executive Team: Brad Rice ran the elections until Kim Larson was elected as Council President.

Council President: Amber Willis made a motion and nominated Kim Larson for Council President, Shawn Swenson seconded motion. Richard Wog made a motion to have an unanimous ballot, Kevin Hanson seconded. Motion passed. Kim Larson elected Council President.

Council Vice President: Shawn Swenson nominated for Council Vice President. Kevin Hanson made a motion to have an unanimous ballot. Motion passed. Shawn Swenson elected Council Vice President.

Council Treasurer: Shane Baker nominated for Council Treasurer. Shawn Swenson made a motion to have an unanimous ballot. Motion passed. Shane Baker elected Council Treasurer.

Council Secretary: Keith Neumann nominated Mary Jo de Cathelineau for Council Secretary. Richard Wog made a motion to have an unanimous ballot. Motion passed. Mary Jo de Cathelineau elected Council Secretary.

Calvary Lutheran Church Strategic Plan: Brad Rice gave an overview to the council of the strategic plan that was completed in 2013. The strategic plan was drafted and approved around 8 years ago.

President Kim Larson: President Kim Larson gave an overview of the responsibilities and expectations of council members. Council packets and board reports were discussed. Board

reports are to be turned into the office by the first Thursday of the month to be included in the council packet the Friday before council meeting.

Boards went into breakout rooms to discuss meeting dates and times, chairs, secretaries and goals of each board.

Board of Children and Family-Erica Matthews reported that the board will be meeting the 2nd Tuesday before council. They are still looking at the purpose and the vision of space in the sanctuary and the Bethesda property and how to make things work efficiently.

Board of Youth and Family: Karen Loge reported that they elected officers and completed their goals. They have been discussing starting up a young adults group and are looking at three ideas to do with opportunities for youth.

Board of Outreach: Ace Bonnema stated that they met and tabled some items. They approved the special offerings for the Lenten Services. They are looking at doing some thank you's to the teachers at the middle school.

Board of Stewardship: Amber Willis reported that they are working on the "how do we communicate better." They have 91 ornaments to be picked up at the office for donors that gave to the refurbishing of the bell. We also have 27 extra ornaments that are available if you would like to purchase one. They are working on the commitment cards and the connect with Calvary cards.

Board of Finance: Keith Neumann reported that their board will meet the day before council. They listed their goals of moving toward a balanced budget, specify fund usage and conduct quarterly reviews of the Anderson Funds.

Board of Worship: Mary Jo DeCathelineau reported that Michele Fernholz will be the board secretary and Mary Jo de Cathelineau will be the board chair. They will meet the Thursday before council meeting at 12:30 p.m. by zoom. We listed our goals as inviting young people to be more involved with the services. Also discussed Lenten services and worship styles.

Pastor Dean Johnson: He reported that Sheila Quinn has been working in the church office for 3 weeks and has been doing a great job. A letter of employment will be extended to Ms. Quinn on February 17, 2022. This position's salary is in the 2022 budget.

New Business:

Endowment Committee- Pastor Dean reported that we have six members of the congregation that have agreed to serve on the Endowment Committee for a 3-year commitment. Their names are Bob Dickerson, Ann Fenske, Karen Rinke, Mike Schroeder, Gordy Lindblad and Laura Warne. Shawn Swenson made a motion to approve the members to serve on the Endowment Committee, Richard Wog seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ministry Site Profile: Pastor Dean reported that we have a committee ready to serve on the Ministry Site Profile Committee. Mary Jo de Cathelineau has agreed to chair the committee; the other members who have agreed to sit on the committee are Craig Holmgren, Mandi Lighthizer, Susan Roepke, and Shane Jahraus. Amber Willis made a motion to approve the members to serve on the Ministry Site Profile Committee, Karina Rice seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Investment Policy: Shawn Swenson reviewed the proposed Investment Policy concerning the Jerry Anderson farmland proceeds. It was decided that council members would review and approve the investment policy by an email vote in 7 to 10 days.

Thrivent Trust & Thrivent Charitable: Shawn Swenson reviewed the selection process to choose Thrivent Trust and Thrivent Charitable as the investment firm to invest the proceeds of the farmland sale into. It was decided that material will be sent out and the vote would be conducted by email and votes sent to Shawn Swenson. Motion by Shawn Swenson and seconded by Keith Neumann. Motion passed.

Nominating Committee: We currently have two positions left to fill, board of worship and board of outreach.

Executive Signers for Bank Accounts: Motion was made by Caleb Hanson and seconded by Erica Matthews to have a new signature card signed at Bremer with the new executive board's names for 2022. This includes, Kim Larson, President, Shawn Swenson, Vice-President, Mary Jo de Cathelineau, Secretary and Shane Baker, Treasurer. Sara Bennett and Kevin Hanson will be taken off the signature card. Motion passed.

Adjourn-Lord's Prayer

Submitted,

Mary Jo de Cathelineau
Council Secretary