

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

## Council Minutes

Tuesday June 14, 2022, 7:00 p.m. Friendship Room

Present: Kim Larson, Teri Sokulski, Pastor Naomi Mahler, Mary Jo de Cathelineau, Keith Neumann, Erica Mathews, Cathy Halbritter, Naomi Powers-Baker, Michelle Fernholz, Caleb Hanson, Amber Willis, Jodie Gulbranson, Kevin Hanson, Shane Baker, Shawn Swenson, Pam DeKraai, Pastor Dean Johnson, Ace Bonnema, Richard Wog, Janel Skindeliën, Sandy Hanson, Kaylee Jahraus

President Kim Larson opened the June 14, 2022, Council Meeting.

**1. Devotions**-Pastor Dean led the Council in “Dwelling in the Word” of Scripture passage Luke 10: 1-11.

**2. First Fruits Agenda Item** - President Kim Larson led a discussion on the First Fruits Agenda Item-Calvary’s Strategic Plan. After speaking with council members, council members decided a Taskforce needed to be put in place to review the strategic plan. The taskforce will report back to council and church members by the annual meeting in January of 2023. The Taskforce purpose would be in two phases:

Phase #1 – Review Calvary’s: A) Purpose/Mission                      B) Resourcing/Staffing

Phase #2 – Review Calvary’s: C) Facilities

A resolution was proposed for the Executive Committee to be able to appoint a Future Direction Taskforce that would take on the work of defining/renewing the strategic direction of Calvary.

### **The Resolution:**

Whereas the Calvary Lutheran Church Council needs to focus on current business and programming and

Whereas the CLC Council has spent much time during the last several meetings discussing the Strategic Plan and the need for renewed direction,

Be it resolved that the Church Council authorize the Executive Committee to appoint a Future Direction Taskforce that will take on the work of defining/renewing the strategic direction of Calvary.

And be it further resolved that said Taskforce will report to Council it’s progress and work towards a deadline of December 31, 2022.

A motion was made by Shane Baker to approve the motion, Kevin Hanson seconded the motion.

A question was raised about hiring a consultant to come in and aid in the strategic plan. President Kim Larson stated that this might be the recommendation of the Taskforce.

**Vote was taken on the motion and the Resolution passed.**

**3. Trinity Group (Calvary, Vinje, and Bethel)** – President Kim Larson, Pastor Dean Johnson and Shawn Swenson updated the council on the conversations they have had with Vinje and Bethel and the possibilities of collaboration. Linda Bahe was also added to of this group due to her experience as an educator. Discussions were had about recording radio ads to promote or market our Lutheran Churches/joint effort. Also discussed expanding joint worship services with the other churches. Other ideas for youth would be to have an inspirational speaker come and speak to our youth regarding issues our youth are facing today, such as mental health, gun violence, and homelessness.

**4. Approval of May 2022 Council Minutes** - Mary Jo de Cathelineau made a motion to approve the May 2022 Council Minutes. Seconded by Sandy Hanson. Motion carried.

**5. Treasurer’s Report - May Financials-** Shane Baker reported \$45,544.34 in income for months ending May 31, 2022, against a budgeted \$69,610.40, leaving a deficit in revenue of \$24,066.06. Expenses for the five months ending May 31, 2022, were \$78,025.52 against a budgeted \$75,329.03, leaving an increase in expenses of \$2696.49. Net income for the month was a negative \$29,898.43. With the ERC funds that were received from COVID, the total net income for the five months ended is a positive \$28,091.73. Shane Baker made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report and Kevin Hanson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**6. Ministry Site Profile** - Mary Jo de Cathelineau reported on the Ministry Site Profile Committee. The Ministry Site Profile survey was put on the Calvary Website and will remain on the website until June 17, 2022. Paper copies of the survey were mailed to members not using the website and were also made available in the church office. The committee will meet after June 17, 2022, to review the results of the survey. The committee will continue to work on the profile and hope to have it completed in July of 2022.

**7. Constitution/Bylaws Revision Update** - Pastor Naomi gave an update on the Constitution/Bylaws Revision Update. Corey Nelson and Pastor Naomi gave an update at the Executive Board meeting. The committee is working on the structure of the church, boards, and committees. They will send out a new proposed chart and will review it with Executive Board and then bring to Council to review

**PLEASE SEE ALL WRITTEN REPORTS:**

**Executive Board:** Mary Jo de Cathelineau reported that the Executive Board addressed the action items of the First Fruits Agenda. The board also discussed Sunday services and our partnership with Svea.

**Board of Stewardship:** Amber Willis reminded everyone of the 50’s Drive in and the stewardship that is involved. The board is also thinking about doing an appreciation activity in November for volunteers.

**Board of Worship:** Mary Jo de Cathelineau deferred to the written report. The worship board discussed the book they are reading called, “Launching a New Worship Community.” The board also discussed hospitality and if Calvary is making the mark.

**Board of Youth and Family and Board of Children and Family:** The Youth and Family Board and Children and Family Board are meeting together. The Youth and Family Board will be holding a bonfire in July of 2022. They are also doing Friday night game nights and attendance has been between 15 to 25 youths. On the 14<sup>th</sup> the 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade youth will be going to the Dorothy Olson Aquatic Center. This is a free event.

**Board of Outreach:** Ace Bonnema reported that the Board of Outreach discussed several items such as Family Promise, Meals on Wheels with Lutheran Social Service, homeless youth, and transportation.

**Board of Finance:** Shane Baker reported that the board of finance have been reviewing many projects. The following projects and information were reported:

1. Motion was made by Shane Baker to approve a bid for library furniture in the amount of \$11,096.00 from the Floor to Ceiling Store. Shawn Swenson seconded. Motion passed.
2. The finance committee asked for a second roof bid. The finance board would like us to accept the lowest bid. Shawn Swenson made the motion. After discussion the motion was retracted. Shawn Swenson made the motion that the Calvary Church Council approves the best bid made by the Building and Grounds Committee and the Finance Board. Shawn Swenson made the motion, Cathey Halbritter seconds. Motion carried.
3. Shane Baker also discussed the that requests for \$5000 or over need finance board approval.
4. Shane Baker also discussed the Jerry Anderson Funds, and that Thrivent is slowly investing in the market and being conservative.

**Pastor Dean Johnson Report:** Pastor Dean reported that the office is fully staffed. Pastor David is at camp. We have a new computer ordered for our sound system.

**Pastor Naomi Mahler Report:** Pastor Naomi asked when we are going to review our partnership with Svea? What is intended? Discussion was had on our ministry with Svea and that we will have to revisit this agreement in the fall.

**New Business:** We need to discuss the possibility of having a meeting in July of 2022. Historically, the Council has taken the month of July off. We have a lot of moving parts right now and we might have to meet. Our next meeting will be on the same night as Rockin Robbins so we will have to reschedule for a different date.

### **Adjourn-Lord's Prayer**

Submitted,

Mary Jo de Cathelineau  
Council Secretary