

## **Calvary Council Meeting**

**August 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

Attending: Ace Bonnema, Amber Willis, Jodi Gulbranson, Elissa Nelson, Erica Mathews, Pr. Naomi Mahler, Shane Baker, Pam DeKraai, Cathy Halbritter, Caleb Hanson, Naomi Baker, Richard Wog, Janel Skindelien, Michelle Fernholz, Shawn Swenson, Teri Sokulski, Mary Jo de Cathelineau, Jen Halverson, Keith Neuman, Pr Dean Johnson

Pastor Dean led devotions

MaryJo presented the Ministry Site Profile. Shane Baker made a motion to approve. Amber Willis seconded. Motion passed

The call committee was presented to the council as:

Ryan Newberg  
Rae Holwerda  
MaryJo de Cathelineau  
Lois Fostervold  
Dion Warne  
Pr Dean Johnson

Richard Wog made a motion to approve the committee. Caleb Hanson seconded.  
Motion Passed

The task force committee was presented to the council as:

Duaine Amundson  
MaryJo de Cathelineau  
Brandon Zumwalt  
Ashley Gilbertson  
Shawn Swenson  
Richard Wog  
Pr Naomi Mahler  
Pr David Severtson

Keith Newman made a motion to approve the task force  
Caleb Hanson seconded.

Erica Matthews made a motion to amend the task force to add 2 nominees that are youth and young adult (>30).

Amber Willis seconded the amendment  
Motion passed

Pastor Dean discussed the Trinity group (Bethel, Vinje and Calvary) They are currently meeting with local service organizations including LSS, UCAP, Health and Human Services, and Pact 4. They have made no decisions but will give a report next meeting. These organizations provided a list of services that are available for community members that the church can reference.

Minutes for the June meeting were presented.  
Elissa Nelson made a motion to approve the June minutes  
Keith Neuman seconded.  
Motion passed

#### Financial/Treasury report

Shane Baker reported that the General Fund is under by \$8k, Expenses are higher and giving is down.  
Caleb Hanson made a motion to approve financial report  
Erica Mathews seconded  
Motion passed

Pr Naomi presented on the Constitution/By-law committee- (members are Brian Hendrickson, Corey Nelson, Bridget Pederson and Pr Naomi Mahler)  
They presented a new council structure that would include 9 members and no boards. Boards would be replaced with committees. Finance would remain a separate committee. Council members are encouraged to give feedback on this structure before it is finalized

Pastor Dean presented the new Svea Contract. It is a yearlong contract that would extend the affiliation from Sept 1 to Aug 31, 2023. This contract will contribute 18k to the general fund in one year.  
Ace Bonnema made a motion to approve  
Shane Baker seconded  
Motion approved

#### Board reports

**Executive-** Shawn Swenson reported they discussed the August council agenda, the Svea agreement and the call committee and task force.  
**Stewardship-** Amber Willis reported they will be joining in on Rally Day to recognize volunteers.  
**Worship-** Michelle Fernholz reported that the Altar guild needed funds for some items but the expense was covered by a memorial. They are focusing on hospitality and doing some "audits."  
**Youth-** Jen Halverson reported Youth group had met all summer and had around 20 participants, will continue through the fall.  
**Children and Family-** Janel reported they chose the Bibles for 3 year old's and 3rd graders and are working on rally day.  
**Outreach-** Ace Bonnema reported the Let's Dish campaign was a big success, and said Gods Work, Our hands is scheduled for after service on September 11, 2022.  
**Finance-** Shane Baker reported that the finance board received bids from West Central Roofing they made a motion to allow the Building and Grounds committee to spend up to 70k to replace the roof.  
Keith Neuman seconded  
Motion passed

#### Staff Reports

**Janel-** Bible Camp, 50's drive in, Pool night at the Dorothy Olson, Valley Fair, Day Camp all went really well this summer. Planning for Faith Formation and rally day (Sept 18) have begun.  
**Naomi Baker-** She is making a special effort to include youth in praise band and worship.  
**Teri-** She noted she will need board reports by Thursday, and they will be sent to the council on Monday.  
**Pr. Naomi-** Gods Work, Our Hands will be after worship at 9. She mentioned Meals on Wheels is in desperate need of a driver for Aug 19, Aug 26 and Aug 29. She mentioned that the church

wide assembly for the ELCA, go to [elca.org](http://elca.org) to learn more and livestream it.

**Pr Dean-** Pr David is on vacation, returning Thursday. They had 2 funerals this week. They have had 7 memorial services since June, 6 baptisms, 5 weddings. They are preparing for new member Sunday in October. Sept 12 Grief Care will restart.

Elissa Nelson made a motion to adjourn  
Erica Mathew made a motion to second  
Motion passed.

Minutes taken by Elissa Nelson.

On August 19, 2022, President Kim Larson sent the following to Council Members by email:

“In addition to the 7 Task Force Members along with the 5 Call Committee members approved at the last Council meeting, it was decided that a few more should be sought to align with the more typical 7 to 8 members on each committee. Therefore, the Executive Committee is forwarding the following individuals for approval by a consent vote of “Yes” to approval ... and “No” not to approve:

**For Call Committee-**

Wayne Nelson

Linda Bahe

Bridget Pederson

**For Strategic Plan Task Force –**

Troy Pederson

Vote was taken by email to [klarsonfarms@gmail.com](mailto:klarsonfarms@gmail.com)

Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jo de Cathelineau

Council Secretary