

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

Tuesday January 10- 7pm Friendship Room

Present: Karen Loge, Cathy Halbritter, Teri Skokulski, Naomi Baker, Erica Mathews, Jodi Gulbranson, Elissa Nelson, Caleb Hanson, Richard Wog, Michelle Fernholz, Keith Neumann,, Pastor Dean Johnson, Amber Willis, Jen Halvorson, Pam DeKraai, Shane Baker, Pastor David Severtson, Karina Rice. Special guests Corey Nelson and Bridget Pederson from the Constitution Committee.

Devotions: Pastor David led devotions.

Previous Council Minutes- Richard Wog made a motion to approve December minutes. Caleb Hanson seconded. Motion passed.

Constitution update: Corey Nelson and Bridget Pederson updated the council on the listening sessions and the comments and concerns that came from them. The ELCA required language was explained in more detail. There will be 2 motions made at the annual meeting, one for ratifying the constitution and one for the modification of the by-laws.

Call Committee update: Pastor Dean updated the council on the listening sessions- they've had 2 and will have one tomorrow.

Faith Formation Transition Team: Pastor David updated the council that the team has met twice. They have discussed the model of staffing and are deciding how to proceed.

Svea update- Pastor Dean updated on Svea, and that they have their annual meeting on Sunday January 15th. Pastor Ingrid has agreed to help for 3 sundays of the next 3 months. Staff is currently discussing options with the ELCA for obtaining some part time pastoral help.

Treasurer's Report: Year to date we have a 10k gain with the ERC credit. Shane Baker made a motion to approve financial reports, Amber Willis seconded it. Motion passed.

Audio/Video Equipment: The current audio system does not integrate well with the video system and we have had issues getting our online services out. They have obtained bids for a sound system/ technology update and are waiting on final numbers.

Pastor Dean Johnson- He thanked the outgoing council members for their service. No other news to report.

Pastor David Severtson- He updated the council on a new program to pair 9th grade confirmation students with an adult mentor. They have started already and are excited about the ability to achieve more cross-generational interaction.

Erica Mathews- She reported that the Youth led service went well. They are planning for 1st communion and working on camp sponsorships being put into the bulletin.

Naomi Baker- She and Erica have been working on the youth led services and got a lot of positive comments, The bell choir is going strong and they may try seasonal choirs this year.

Board of Children and Family-Elissa Nelson reported that the Youth led service went well and the next one is planned for Camp Sunday on January 29th,

Board of Youth and Family: Karen Loge reported that they are working on a schedule of events to include the youth including a cookie decorating even in the near future.

Board of Outreach: Pam Dekraii presented a motion for the lenten offering recipients.

Ash Wednesday- Lutheran Social Services

2nd Sunday- Calvary Creation Care Team

3rd Sunday- Family Promise

4th Sunday- Calvary Camp Scholarships

5th Sunday- Lutheran Disaster Relief Aid for Ukraine

6th Sunday- Safe Avenues

7th Sunday- Calvary Youth/Eagles Nest (split between both)

Shane Baker seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Board of Stewardship: Amber Willis reported that they discussed ways they could help fundraise for the new A/V system.

Board of Finance: Shane Baker reported that they met with Thrivent regarding the investment accounts and they suggest we stay the course in the current investment plans.

Board of Worship: Did not meet, nothing to report.

Executive Board: Did not meet, nothing to report.

Coffee with the Council and Annual Meeting: Discussions were had about attendance at Coffee with the Council on January 15th, and attendance at the Annual Meeting on January 22.