

Calvary Lutheran Church-Together in Christ, Empowered to Be and Make Disciples

Church Council Meeting: March 12, 2023, 6:00 p.m. Friendship Room

Present (Council Members): Mary Jo deCathelineau, Shane Baker, Brian Hendrickson, Caleb Hanson, Lori Holmgren, Bob Dickerson, Harly Aalfs, John Dean

Present (Staff): Pastor Dwaine Sutherland, Pastor Wayne, Naomi Powers-Baker, Erica Mathews, Teri Sokulski

Absent: Bridget Pederson, Marie Fett

Devotions and Prayer: Mary Jo lead, entitled "Seeking Guidance" based on Psalm 25: 4-5. She reminded us to (1) examine our heart; (2) listen patiently and attentiveness; and (3) we must be involved to carry out His will.

Mary Jo envisioned all handling one devotions during the year.

January Minutes: Bob moved approval, Caleb seconded, minutes approved.

Vote on Naming Treasurer. Brian moved to name Shawn Swenson as Treasurer; Lori seconded, Motion approved.

Financial Report: Brian updated the council, noting monthly income and expenses. Capital Funds increased but showing a loss in special funds, reviewed Endowment balance. John moved and Shane seconded motion to accepted Financial Report. Motion approved.

John asked about seeking more individuals to review the financials as we have many church members with expertise in this area.

Svea agreement: Council informed Svea was pulling out of the agreement, ending the beginning of April. We would fulfill Easter duties. Mary Jo said confirmands were welcome to finish with us. We indicated we would be open to renewing the partnership.

Audio/Video Update: Reach Company at the church on February 24th and did an acoustical study. We are waiting the results. Update from Mike via e-mail that the current estimate is about 10% above the original quote.

Call Committee: Committee will re-convene to work on the call of the associate pastor. Bridget Pederson resigned and Brad Rice will join. Others have been asked, and we are awaiting decisions. Learned one application has been received.

Strategic Planning: Discussion began on returning to a Strategic Planning committee. Brian moved to re-visit starting the Strategic Planning committee by first meeting with the old committee members and then developing a list of new members of the committee. Shane seconded motion. Motion approved.

Bylaws: Meeting scheduled for the coming Friday. Their goal is to finish the work sooner than later and bring back for a vote.

Endowment committee: The president was noted as stepping down from the presidency, but not off the committee.

Staff Reports: Erica noted Lent Season activities. She discussed Pre-school Day camp planning, Woodlands Center coming in, and her committee was filled. She will get a list to Mary Jo. Naomi finishing off Holy Week plans. Pastor Dwaine advocated for a stewardship push for talents. Teri said her good byes in discussing her departure and said she will miss us. Keith Neumann has agreed to help on financials in the office. Pastor Wayne expressed gratitude for time spent with the 2nd Graders.

Other: We re-visited re-keying the church. Said we were waiting on estimates. Lori volunteered for the meal for April 9th.

Adjourned with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Shane Baker.