

Calvary Church Council Minutes

Tuesday, June 11th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Friendship Room

In Attendance: MaryJo de Cathelineau, Bridget Pederson, Harley Aalfs, John Dean, Lori Holmgren, Bob Dickerson, Shane Baker

Staff: Pastor Dwaine, Pastor Wayne, Erica Mathews, Naomi Powers-Baker, Paula Lueders

Absent: Caleb Hanson, Brian Henrickson

Opening Prayer / Devotional – Harley

Shared Meal Time

Agenda items:

Thank you to Kelly for Pictures!! Pictures – Still Needed – Brian Henrickson, Caleb Hanson – will be done on Sunday the 16th. Bridget will email a reminder.

Guest In Attendance – Mike Schroeder – A/V update; working with REACH; at the point to sign the contracts for the audio/visual part; updated Shawn Swenson - Treasurer regarding down payment – 60% down is \$81,500 – Finance Committee is aware. Total is approx. \$136k. Additional items is acoustic bid – quote is likely less because we are doing less tile than they originally proposed because we are attempting to be less distracting by the stain glass window; total is \$167k. Addt'l costs might be \$10-20k, electrical work upstairs, construction regarding cabinet work. Total project will likely be \$185k. Timeline for installation is likely October / November. Will need to recruit more volunteers for operating systems – the youth will have the skills for this task – we would love to have them for this ministry.

Question – Bob asked if audio would include the kitchen – is that possible? Mike will check.

Question – Lori asked can the tile sizes be combined? Mike is still figuring it out and it affects shipping costs.

May Council Minutes – Motion – John, 2nd – Lori. Discussion – none. Motion passes.

Staff Reports –

- Pastor Dwaine – Synod assembly just happened this past weekend. We need to encourage people to go to Synod assembly – we can take up to 9 people. It's a good opportunity to see how the bigger church works and it's a learning opportunity. Great food, too! June 22nd and 23rd Pastor Wayne gets a weekend off. Pastor Dwaine will be taking a week off, June 24th through July 1st, to see his parents. Outdoor Worship Service is August 18th with area churches. Anyone with golf carts will be needed.
- Pastor Wayne – Many funerals happening, visitation is happening. Want to encourage families to let us know where they go after the hospital. Three people in Hospice. Many 'just because' visits still happening.
- Naomi Powers-Baker – Need to map out what we've been doing and hand it off to Paula.

- Erica Mathews – kids going to Camp and Duluth Trip on Sunday; Nashville is coming up 7/6-7/13; Day Camp starts in July. Planning the Christmas program already.
 - o Confirmation – Currently Calvary has the confirmation program from 5-6 weeks in Fall of the 10th Grade Year. Wondering if we should Confirm in Spring of 9th Grade Year. Discussion was tabled and put on the agenda for next meeting.
- Office Staff – Paula – \$880 check was received in the mail for the cemetery fund has been deposited, Funeral on 6/12, Youth Trips on the calendar, otherwise not much on the calendar.

Financial Committee Update – See Financial Reports – giving is down substantially in May, Finance Committee will keep a close eye on this. They will be conferring with Jon Saunders regarding the final disbursement of Carlson home sale funds. Mary Jo also shared info from the Financial Meeting minutes from 6.11.24:

Discussion about the use of special funds for assisting walk-ins from the community facing hardship. Lead Pastor has discretion as in past years. Plan to have some pre-paid gift cards to assist with things like gas. Larger requests would be on an as-needed basis and vetted by Lead Pastor and Leadership. The organization call Common Cup was an idea discussed for centralized assistance.

Council discussion about how to track giveaways and communicate with other churches. Shane pointed out we want to have a checks and balance to avoid an issues with it being used improperly.

Discussion about donation from Prayer Ministry Special Fund to Luther Seminary for the Working Preacher Podcast for their fundraising drive.

Discussion about A/V Project – details above from guest update. Also, a 60% down payment has to be made to the REACH Company which is approximately \$82,000.

Discussion about adding on to the Finance Committee and they are reaching out to 6 people. Goal is 6 members plus Pastor Dwaine and Paula.

Motion to accept financial reports – Shane; 2nd – Lori; Discussion - none opposed. Accepted financial reports.

Committee Reports:

Call Committee – MaryJo shared currently interviewing a candidate for Associate Pastor.

Strategic Plan – Dion Warne shared that 4 people have said yes (got 1 of them from the bulletin ask), Mary Jo gave him suggestions of addt'l names.

Endowment Committee: Meeting date / times and membership needs were discussed. Mary Jo has asked Bob multiple times to get a meeting set for this committee. Bob said this group is having a hard time finding a time to meet. MaryJo had also asked Brian Henrickson to help get this group together and assist with finding members.

Committee Reports: No reports turned in besides financial committee.

Other Items –

Cemetery – Mike Schreoder shared that he would like to see the cemetery more kept up. There was graffiti sprayed on the maintenance building – want to see that taken care of with a sandblaster; mowing, trimming, cleaning of stones – it's not being done well. Kiosk area in the cemetery – want this kept up too. Maybe we need a lower maintenance landscape around the Kiosk.

Pastor Dwaine and MaryJo will go and do a walk thru this week.

Mike suggested having the Confirmation Students always go out there, didn't make it this year but want to make sure this happens. Mike could tell they hadn't been out there this year.

Duluth trip: Erica asked if the Endowment Committee can handle the donation for unsheltered persons in Duluth basic needs items through LSS. The trip is set for this weekend. Pastor Dwaine will follow up with the Finance Committee about this request.

Next meeting July 9th, 2024, at 6 p.m. in the Friendship Room

Dinner Volunteer – John

Devotion / Prayer Volunteer – Lori

Motion to adjourn the meeting Bob, 2nd John. None opposed. Adjourned 7:37 p.m.