

# Calvary Lutheran Church

Church Council Minutes - Tuesday, April 9, 2019

**Present: Pastor Tim, Pastor Naomi, Pastor Dean, Janel Skindeliem, David Severtson, Zachary Erickson, Brett Aamot, Mike Haugsby, Charles Ulrich, Kaylee Jahraus, Erica Mathews, Michele Kotrba, Peter Johnson, Valerie Amberg, Craig Holmgren, Jena Berget, John Kappers, Nikki Erickson, Holly Ulrich, Bridget Pederson, Shawn Swenson, Jeremy Schmidt, Britta Willenbring, Jeanne Ashburn, Scott Nichols, Sara Bennett, Michael Newberg**

- I. Council Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm
- II. Devotions – Holly Ulrich
- III. Ice Breaker – Pastor Naomi
- IV. Approval of March 2019 Council Minutes
  - a. **Mike Haugsby made a motion to Approve - Discussion if the motion to request approval of up to \$5,000 in church expenditures that are not currently in the budget, without Council approval, includes Special Funds. It does not. Craig Holmgren 2<sup>nd</sup>. March 2019 Minutes Approved.**
- V. Discussion Topic “Calvary of the Future” – Brett Aamot
  - a. Several great comments from Council Members:
    - Refer to the Strategic Plan from 2013
      1. Serve and touch all
      2. Reach out to younger generation
    - Take 2 to 3 programs that are currently working and make them better
    - Plug into the heritage of the Church (Martin Luther)
    - Atmosphere directed toward younger families
    - Open Door Church in New London is good model
    - Pastor relates the teaching to the life of the parishioners
    - It’s about relationships
    - Church family that has similar views
    - Community feel
    - Challenge with reflection
    - Engaging for children and family
    - Setting aspirational goals
    - Financial resources to balance the budget
    - Kids choir
    - Thank young families with children for being in church and encourage them to come back and bring the children, even if they are noisy
    - Acknowledge children when sharing “peace”
    - Some do not feel welcome if they are not from Willmar – work on this
    - Change where you sit or what service you attend to meet new people
    - We are in a period of transition – we need to optimize ourselves internally and then set internal and external goals to include community involvement

- It's difficult to have one unified congregation when potentially different generations do not work together to be unified. We need to work toward "WE"
- Interest groups – ask for feedback
- Y daycare would help generations come together
- Great representation of ages and generations within our congregation – A Bright Spot!
- This discussion is a shift from our normal – A Great Thing!
- We all need to be supportive of the church's mission and change discussions with others to promote our mission
- Feedback from committees will help us determine top priorities.
- Start with what is grabbing you to be here
- Wear your name tags in the community after church
- Let families know the children are welcome and encouraged to be at the services
- Encourage Council members to think outside the box – we can influence change!

## **VI. Board Reports**

- a. Executive Board – Brett Aamot, President
  1. Being Transparent, more Temple Talks, more Coffee with Council, keep Messenger financial information easy to read, Y Daycare, Financial Situation, Retreat for Executive Board May 7th
- b. Board of Worship / Shawn Swenson, Chair
  1. Need input on Time & Talents Sheet revisions
- c. Board of Children and Family Ministry / Kaylee Jahraus, Chair
  1. Children's Prayer Ground (will bring young families together)
- d. Board of Youth and Family Ministry / Scott Nichols, Chair
  1. Nothing to report
- e. Board of Finance / Peter Johnson, Chair
  1. Nothing to report
- f. Board of Stewardship / Charles Ulrich, Chair
  1. Electronic giving options
  2. Stewardship education through Adult Ed
  3. RMD's to church
  4. Simply Giving
- g. Board of Outreach / John Kappers, Chair (Bridget Pederson)
  1. Y request for \$1,000 Donation (partner campaign)
  2. Care of Creation meeting tomorrow at 7:30 pm in Friendship Room if anyone interested, please join us
  3. Community meal – need opinions on continuing, changing, etc

## **VII. Staff Reports – Janel Skindeliien, David Severtson, Zachary Erickson**

- a. Janel – Sandi Bennett is retiring from the Librarian position. She will be honored May 5<sup>th</sup> during Education hour. 27 years of service to the church
  - i. We need to look for a new Librarian
- b. David – Nothing to Report

- c. Zachary – June 30<sup>th</sup> 50's Drive-In Event
  - i. Smaller class this year – need volunteers to help

**VIII. Pastor Reports**

- a. Pastor Tim
  - i. Synod has approved David Severtson to do his internship here at Calvary!
    - 1. David's role will change
    - 2. Recognition of his work and service and the beginning of his work as our new Vicar
    - 3. Possibly move David's office for his new role
- b. Pastor Naomi
  - i. Y daycare Task Team organized. Next meeting Friday, April 12
- c. Pastor Dean
  - i. Grief Care group started
  - ii. Out to homebound between now and Easter
  - iii. Several weddings coming up this Summer
  - iv. Prepare for Council meeting ahead of time – read and ask questions

**IX. Financial Reports – Peter Johnson, Treasurer**

- a. **Chuck Ulrich made a motion to approve the March 2019 Treasurer's Report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sara Bennett. Motion carried.**

**X. New Business**

- a. Pastor Tim – Calvary is one of the sponsors of the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 am. He has 8 tickets to share. Please see him if you are interested in attending
- b. Deon Warne is the new Chairman of the Lakeland Conference
- c. Board of Stewardship wants to share with the congregation where their money goes. Please take photos of church events and send them to Rachel. Stewardship will share how giving changes lives

**XI. Adjourn/Lord's Prayer**

Respectfully submitted by Valerie Amberg, Council Secretary