

Calvary Lutheran Church

Church Council Minutes - Tuesday, June 11, 2019

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

- I. Council Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm
- II. Devotions – Sara Bennett
- III. Ice Breaker – Pastor Naomi
- IV. Approval of May 2019 Council Minutes
 - a. **Motion to Approve May 2019 Minutes. Seconded and Passed.**
- V. Discussion Topic “Fall Initiatives, Stewardship, Rally Sunday” – Pastor Naomi
 - a. Naomi presented 2019-2020 Program Year Focus “Walking Wet” (see attached)
- VI. Board Reports
 - a. Executive Board – Brett Aamot, President
 1. Discussed Constitutional changes, Annual budget, Jerry Anderson funds, Staffing plans, PrayerGround, Time and Talent Sheets, and Topics for Council Agenda
 - b. Board of Children and Family Ministry / Kaylee Jahraus, Chair
 1. Kaylee thanked everyone for the support of the PrayerGround
 - c. Board of Outreach – Bridget Pederson, co-Chair
 1. Initiatives looking at
 2. Purposeful on feedback from Council on First Fruits
 - d. Board of Finance / Peter Johnson, Chair
 1. Bev from Anfinson & Thompson came to our meeting tonight to help dissect specific funds and answer questions
 2. Peter introduced a “Phase II” of simplified Treasurer’s Report for Messenger – wants input
 - e. Board of Worship – Shawn Swenson, Chair
 1. **Shawn made a Motion to have Confirmation on October 27th at 10:15 service (only 8 this year). Seconded by Britta Willenbring. Motion passed.**
 2. **Shawn made a Motion to reinstate the Christmas service at 9:30 am on December 25, 2019. Seconded by Jeanne Ashburn. Motion passed.**
 - f. Board of Stewardship / Charles Ulrich, Chair
 1. Electronic giving discussions

2. Swipe machine being purchased for credit cards. Sara Bennett asked about fees for credit card usage.
 3. Temple Talk scheduled for September 22 on electronic giving.
 4. Chuck and Holly would be happy to help with Time & Talents Sheet
 5. Stewardship Saturday discussion
 6. Temple Talk on importance of using envelopes when giving cash
- g. Board of Youth & Family – Sara Bennett
1. Discussed staffing with Zachary leaving
 2. Zachary’s going away gathering on Sunday
 3. 50’s Drive-in this Sunday – need volunteers
 4. Houseboat Trip in July
 5. Wednesday School discussions

VII. Staff Reports – Janel Skindelien, David Severtson

- a. Janel – VBS Daycamp week this week with Bethel & Vinje. Grades K-5 go to Shores of St Andrew each day. 77 kids this year!
- b. David – Last month David was endorsed by the Synod to do his internship at Calvary.

VIII. Pastor Reports

a. Pastor Tim

- i. Zachary will not be replaced with a full-time person. We will be evaluating this position.
- ii. David’s internship – Tim will be attending classes this week on being an internship supervisor.
- iii. Pastor Tim will also take a class on Executive Certificate and Religious Fundraising
- iv. Pictorial Directory scheduled for 2020. Possibly September? Discussion as to how college kids would be included.

b. Pastor Naomi

- i. Synod Assembly last weekend. Bishop theme of “Faithful Innovation”. Chicago guest speaker “How do Christians Live out Their Faith”
- ii. Circle Women met – no co-hosts for Advent Festival. Will put on hold this year and maybe expand on Christmas Programs with decorations, food, fellowship.
- iii. Y Task Force concluded their work. They got a proforma budget from the Y with numbers that are not reasonable for us to partner with them.

c. Pastor Dean

- i. Concluded Grief Care sessions
- ii. 5 couples with weddings this year doing Relationship classes
- iii. Pastor Dean will be working with 10th graders this year. 8 sessions
- iv. Doing regular Visitations to hospitals and long-term care facilities.

IX. Financial Reports – Peter Johnson, Treasurer

- a. **Mike Newberg made a motion to approve the May 2019 Treasurer’s Report. 2nd by Sara Bennett. Motion carried.**

X. New Business

- a.** David Severston presented new Bibles that he would like to have in the pews and allow church members and students to look up readings in the Bible during services.
- b.** President Aamot would like to have a July 2 Executive Committee Meeting and July 9 Council meeting. Normally skip July, but we have a lot going on.

XI. Adjourn/Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Valerie Amberg, Council Secretary

2019-2020 PROGRAM YEAR FOCUS AREAS

"Walking Wet"

"For we walk by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7

A proposal from the program staff...

Members of Calvary Lutheran Church will...

- Know and be known by 5 people of a different generation
- Read/Navigate through the Bible
- Continue to participate in worship
- Take personal ownership in their faith
- Be able to pray out loud
- Take part in service to/for/with ALL people

These outcomes are based upon the promises made at Baptism/Affirmation of Baptism:

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

- *to live among God's faithful people,*
- *to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,*
- *to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,*
- *to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,*
- *and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?*

We ended up with this proposal of monthly themes or "Word of the Month" that could be lifted up in Faith Formation, Worship, preaching and throughout all of Calvary's life for the program year 2019-2020.

Word of the Month

September – Connection
October – Faith
November – Prayer (Thanksgiving)
December – Light
January – Justice
February – Service
March – Bible (Lent)
April/May – Worship

Messenger Idea - "Member of the Month"

Worship Pieces

September – Back to School Blessing, Rally Day, Bibles, Installation of SS Teachers, Narrative service
October – Confirmation, Reformation Sunday, (Blessing of the Animals??)
November – All Saints, Stewardship, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Eve, Prayerground Dedication
December – Xmas Program, Xmas Eve Services
January – Camp Sunday – *M. Luther King*
February – Ash Wednesday (26)
Installation of Council, Affirmation of Vocations?? *Scout Sunday*
March – Lent – *Girl Scout Sunday*
April/May - Narrative service, Grad recognition, Volunteer Recognition
June - Pentecost