

# Calvary Lutheran Church

Church Council Minutes - Tuesday, July 9, 2019

**Present: Pastor Tim, Pastor Naomi, Pastor Dean, Janel Skindeliem, David Severtson, Brett Aamot, Mike Haugsby, Michelle Kotrba, Valerie Amberg, Jena Berget, John Kappers, Holly Ulrich, Bridget Pederson, Shawn Swenson, Britta Willenbring, Jeanne Ashburn, 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 June 2019 Council Minutes
  - a. **Motion to Approve June 2019 Council Minutes by Mike Haugsby. Seconded by Shawn Swenson. Motion Passed.**
- V. Discussion Topic “Connections” – Pastor Tim
  - a. Pastor Tim wanted to talk about Identifying our Core Values.
  - b. He distributed a paper to all Council Members present and asked them to complete the following: “Reflecting on your entire experience at our church, remember a time when you felt the most engaged, alive and motivated”. After Council Members completed their answers, they shared with the rest of the Members.
- VI. Board Reports
  - a. Executive Board – Brett Aamot, President
    1. Discussed Rachel’s termination.
    2. Scheduled a 6-month performance review with Pastor Tim for Wednesday July 10. Please provide any comments to Brett that would be helpful in the review.
  - b. Board of Stewardship – Mike Haugsby
    1. Discussed topics for next month.
    2. Discussed Symposium that Pastor Tim attended
  - c. Board of Finance – Val Amberg
    1. Had Jeanne Ashburn come to our meeting and give us background on the special fund investments. She was very informative.
  - d. Board of Outreach – John Kappers -Nothing to report
  - e. Board of Youth and Family Ministry – Mike Newberg
    1. Discussed Wednesday nights now that Zachary is no longer here.
  - f. Board of Worship – Shawn Swenson, Chair
    1. Discussed Wednesday night service plans
    2. Discussed proposal for new piano
    3. Evaluating worship going forward. Maybe a cross-section of members with a questionnaire.
  - g. Board of Children & Family – Michelle Kotrba – Nothing to Report

**VII. Staff Reports – Janel Skindelien, David Severtson – Nothing to Report**

**VIII. Pastor Reports**

**a. Pastor Tim**

- i. Attended supervisor training for supervising an intern.
- ii. Attended Executive Certificate Religious Fund Raising. Excellent training. It will help the church identify our core mission.
- iii. Rachel Gilbertson was terminated June 19<sup>th</sup>. He is meeting with the Personnel committee to determine the next step to replace her.

**b. Pastor Naomi**

- i. Successful 50's Drive-In!
- ii. Houseboat trip to Rainy Lake with Youth, Sara Bennett, and Peter Johnson. Leaving Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup>
- iii. Planning for next year

**c. Pastor Dean**

- i. Working with wedding couples.
- ii. Working with grief care individuals.
- iii. Will be working with 10<sup>th</sup> graders this year. 8 sessions
- iv. Officiated funeral for 104 year old woman. Theme "A Life Well Lived"

**IX. Financial Reports – Val Amberg**

**a. Mike Newberg made a motion to approve the June 2019 Treasurer's Report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Britta Willenbring. Motion Passed.**

**X. New Business**

**a. Val Amberg made a Motion to use the Special Funds - G Kallevig Music Fund and the Music/Piano Fund to fund a new Grand Piano. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bridget Peterson. Motion Passed. (Jeanne Ashburn declined to vote)**

- i. Discussion pursued as to how the remainder of the Grand Piano would be paid for. Fund raising efforts through the Finance Committee, Worship Committee, and Stewardship? Pastor Dean volunteered to ask some of the parishioners to donate to the cause once we have a definite plan in place.

**b. Reach-Out Sundae – Bridget Peterson**

- i. Pick a Sunday to invite someone to join you at church (possibly Nov 10<sup>th</sup>)
- ii. In between services have ice cream sundaes

**c. Bethesda Block – Mike Newberg**

- i. How can this area be better used? Community? Church? Let's brainstorm

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

Respectfully submitted by Valerie Amberg, Council Secretary