

Calvary Lutheran Church

Church Council Minutes - Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Present: Pastor Naomi, Pastor Dean, Janel Skindeliem, , Brett Aamot, Mike Haugsby, Erica Mathews, Michelle Kotrba, Peter Johnson, Valerie Amberg, Jena Berget, John Kappers, Holly Ulrich, Bridget Pederson, Britta Willenbring, Jeanne Ashburn, Sara Bennett, Michael Newberg

- I. Council Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm
- II. Devotions – Mike Haugsby
- III. Ice Breaker – Pastor Naomi
- IV. Approval of July 2019 Council Minutes
 - a. **Motion to Approve July 2019 Council Minutes by Sara Bennett. Seconded by Holly Ulrich. Motion Passed.**
- V. Discussion Topic “Fall Programming & Staffing” – Pastor Naomi
 - a. Pastor Naomi, David S, and Janel have been working on a plan for Fall
 - b. Karina Rice and KJ Farhat have recently been hired as part-time staff to cover Zachary’s position. They will each work 15-20 hours per week primarily with Jr High and High School students.
 - c. Terry Sikowski was hired as new office staff and will start August 26.
 - d. Wednesday Night Programming:
 - i. Faith Full Expression Art. 5-6 pm Wednesdays. Family Friendly activity. Will work with local artists. Pauline Prahl will be hired to help. Possible Art show in December for Christmas Program.
 - ii. Dinner Church. 6-7 pm in Bethany hall. Eat and Worship at the same time!
 - iii. Confirmation. 7-8 pm
 - iv. Yoga. 7 – 7:45 pm
 - v. Circle. Bridget Pederson has offered to help
 - e. **Council Members and their Families. September 4th at 6 pm a Trial Run of Dinner Church. Please come and help us fine tune the service!**
- VI. Board Reports
 - a. Executive Board – Brett Aamot, President
 1. Building, Grounds & Maintenance Committee working with architects for future daycare or preschool options.
 - b. Board of Stewardship – Brett Aamot
 1. Temple Talks encouragement for budget
 2. RMD letters
 3. Fall Stewardship Drive
 - c. Board of Finance – Peter Johnson
 1. New Piano – Down payment of \$25,000 made from Special Funds.
 - d. Board of Outreach – Bridget Pederson

1. Sept 16 Family Promise Training hosted by Calvary. 5:45 Supper, Training at 6 pm
2. Family Promise week September 29-Oct 6
3. We also have Family Promise the week of Christmas this year
4. Nov 10 Veterans Service – Let John Kappers know of any active military or veterans in our congregation.
- e. Board of Youth and Family Ministry – Sara Bennett
 1. “Out of Darkness” Walk September 14. They are encouraging youth and parents and Council to be part of a team to walk and/or support the event.
- f. Board of Worship – Britta Willenbring
 1. Christmas Event December 15th at 4 pm
 2. Discussions on Holy Communion each week instead of twice a month
- g. Board of Children & Family – Erica Mathews
 1. New bulletin board upstairs. Please check it out and add to it!

VII. Staff Reports – Janel Skindelien – Nothing to Report

VIII. Pastor Reports

- a. Pastor Naomi
 - i. Great houseboat Trip. Sara Bennett and Peter Johnson chaperoned.
- b. Pastor Dean
 - i. Chet Sommers passed away
 - ii. 3 Weddings coming up
 - iii. Grief Care Work
 - iv. Piano Fundraising – 30 letters sent out – wo responded. \$14,250 raised so far!

IX. Financial Reports – Peter Johnson

- a. **July 31, 2019 Financials were approved**

X. New Business

1. Endowment Committee Expenditures:
 - a. \$500 toward college expenses Ashley Olson (Concordia)
 - b. \$500 toward college expenses Megan Bloomquist (Bethel)
 - c. \$3,000 paid \$250/month for Mallory Loge in support of her CRU work in Peru (a continuation of last year’s support)
 - d. \$2,200 for Bibles for the church
 - e. \$9,000 (\$4,500 this year and \$4,500 next year) for keyboard players to replace David twice a month

Motion to approve Endowment Committee Expenditures. Motion passed.

2. Pictorial Directory:
 - a. Need dates – Possibly Spring/Easter Time
 - b. Need Liason for Directory to help with volunteers, additional photos, etc)
3. Bethesda Area Clean up – Mike Newberg

- a. Mike Newberg and Peter Johnson will attend the September Building, Grounds, and Maintenance Committee meeting to discuss a plan to have a congregational clean up day.

XI. Adjourn/Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Valerie Amberg, Council Secretary