

Calvary Lutheran Church

Church Council Minutes - Tuesday, November 12, 2019

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

- I. Council Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm
- II. Devotions – Kaylee Jahraus
- III. Ice Breaker – Pastor Naomi
- IV. Discussion Topic “Vinje Lutheran Church Childcare”
 - a. Pastor Justin and Kris Stark were guests at our meeting to discuss Loving Arms need for additional care in the area. 892 children need childcare and there is no space for them to go.
 - b. Intention for Calvary to Rent space to Loving Arms
 - c. Wants an organization that has a mission that aligns with theirs
 - d. Infant waiting list out to April 2021 / Toddler waiting list out to December 2020
 - e. Could service 12 babies and 21 toddlers in the new space
 - f. Grants available from EDC and SWIF to help with construction costs
 - g. Would like project ready by end of May 2020
 - h. Next steps:
 - i. Kris will look into requirements for sprinkler system
 - ii. Review room size needs
 - iii. Get construction cost estimates
 - iv. Determine what Calvary would need for rent to break-even
- V. Anonymous Donor Gift
 - a. Council Match was \$11,055! Whoo Hoo! (celebrated with cake and coffee)
 - b. Congregation match to date \$17,894
 - c. Total match to date \$28,949.
- VI. Approval of October 2019 Council Minutes
 - a. **Motion to Approve October 2019 Council Minutes by Mike Haugsby, Seconded by Sara Bennett. Motion Passed.**
- VII. Board Reports
 - a. Executive Board – Brett Aamot, President
 1. Nothing Additional to report
 - b. Board of Stewardship – Charles Ulrich
 1. Nothing to report
 - c. Board of Finance – Peter Johnson

1. Working on 2020 budget
 2. **Peter made a Motion to have signers on bank accounts updated manually.**
 - Discussion: Finance Board Chair is the Treasurer on the Executive Committee and should be an authorized signer.
 - Should be updated at bank no later than March 1st each year.
 - **Mike Haugsby 2nd the motion**
- Amended Motion: All Officers on Executive Committee will be authorized signers on all Calvary Bank and Investment Accounts.**
- **Motion voted on and Passed.**

- d. Board of Outreach – John Kappers
 1. Nothing to report.
- e. Board of Youth and Family Ministry – Sara Bennett
 1. Nothing to report
- f. Board of Worship – Shawn Swenson
 1. Nothing to report
- g. Board of Children & Family – Kayla Jahraus
 1. Nothing to report

VIII. Staff Reports – Janel Skindelien – Nothing to Report

IX. Pastor Reports:

- a. Pastor Tim
 - i. Erica Matthews has agreed to be our new Picture Directory Coordinator!
 - ii. The Ad Hoc Committee has 4 firm “yes” so far (Bridget Pederson, John Dean, Keith Neuman, and Krista Willis)
- b. Pastor Naomi
 - i. Naomi is in “The Best Christmas Pageant” at the Barn!
 - ii. December 8th – Coffee with Council to discuss Prayer Ground
 - iii. December 15th – Christmas as Calvary
 - i. Older Sunday School Kids Program; brass musical group, dinner following (free to congregation, paid from Advent Festival Fund)
- c. Pastor Dean
 - i. 10th Grade Confirmation Class Faith Statements available. Please review and get to know these kids.
- d. Vicar David
 - i. Preaching in Minneota recently. Thanks Council for Freedom to be available to other congregations.

X. Financial Reports – Valerie Amberg

- a. **Motion made by Bridget Peterson to approve the October 2019 Financials. 2nd by Shawn Swenson. Motion carried.**

XI. Other Business:

- a. Constitutional Changes – Pastor Tim working on with Corey Nelson.

- b.** Council Nominations – Shawn is soliciting congregation for nominees for 2020. Need names for Outreach and Finance Committees.
- c.** Weekly Communion – Starting 4 week trial in December. Pastor Tim is meeting with Altar Guild to discuss details.
- d.** Commitment Sunday Brunch (Served by Calvary Men) November 24th – Please sign up to help.
- e.** Thanksgiving Eve Pie and Coffee. November 27th served by Council Members.
- f.** Next Church Council meeting Tuesday, December 10

XII. Adjourn/Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Valerie Amberg, Council Secretary