

Calvary Lutheran Church Council Minutes

May 19, 2021

4:30 p.m.

Attending: Kim Williams, Greg Snyder, Bethany Wesley, Nicholle Bieberdorf, Mitch Eichman, Garrett Tisdell, Ashley Brue

Excused: Larry Kent

Ex-Officio: Pr. Jeremiah, Garrett Fultz

Minutes submitted by Kim Williams.

The meeting was convened at 4:30 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda items include April financials; April Council minutes; seminary intern update; Softball team support. Individual items will be available on Sharepoint.

* Mitch moved; Ashley seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. All in favor, motion passes.

New Business

Treasurer's Report was presented by Garrett Tisdell for the financials for the month of April. Calvary is currently behind budget an average of \$12,000 per month. Council expressed concern that this is not sustainable and will need to be taken into consideration as the new budget is developed. The final treasurer's report is available on Sharepoint.

* Greg moved; Ashley seconded to approve the treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion passes.

Generative Work

Tech position- Council received a budget proposal related to the technology position that is currently provided by a contractor monthly. After much discussion, it was determined that more information was needed before making changes in this area. A technology committee consisting of Ashley Brue, Ashley Johnson and Tom Wild will meet with Shar to discuss her budget proposal.

SHED Fundraiser-All council members were encouraged to assist in the sale of SHED tickets whether selling individually or taking a shift at designated sale times. It was also suggested that members of the Calvary Foundation could be helpful in supporting this effort.

COVID changes related to in-person worship- Some of the changes regarding the MDH & CDC's recent direction regarding COVID the church is adopting are listed here: requirements for those who are vaccinated are rescinded; people no longer required to register to worship; all pews not yet in use; will continue to use individual communion cups; reduced need for hospitality hosts; Preschool continues to be completely masked; currently one worship on site at Calvary, one fairground worship, with discussion about moving to a second service at Calvary, which

would require dropping out of fairground worship; Starting May 19, Wednesday worship will be in person.

*Nicholle moved, Ashley seconded that Calvary Lutheran Church will follow the most current CDC and MDH guidelines and recommendations related to COVID-19 safety precautions for individuals accessing the church for in person services and gatherings to promote the health and safety of vaccinated and non-vaccinated people. All in favor, motion carries.

Annual Meeting – Scheduled for July 11 and will consist of the budget and bylaws, constitutional changes required as we move to a new fiscal year. The meeting will be hybrid, available both in person and distance.

Nominations for Council (and positions of leadership)- Nicholle willing to serve as president, Kim willing to serve as vice president, Garrett willing to serve as treasurer. There are three open positions on Council. Potential names were suggested and follow up will be initiated.

Strategic Work

Update re: youth survey- only 12 responses, moved to later agenda

Newsletter “Meet the Council” Articles (email to communications@calvarybemidji.org)

JUNE – Bethany

JULY - Nicholle

AUGUST -

Upcoming Topics:

JUNE– Faith formation review (virtual) and upcoming needs (hybrid) moving forward survey (review in June – generative time); synod assembly report; Annual Meeting prep (ratify constitutional change); yearly budget approved.

*Ashley moved; Kim seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 6:03 pm. All in favor, motion passes.

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, June 16, 2021
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Lounge at Calvary