

MEETING MINUTES  
CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL  
May 22, 2018

Members Present: Susan Bagge, Thomas Bonhiver, Paul Carlson, Washington Castillo, Danielle Drevlow, Ted Fokken, Dan Hanson, Mike Hofstad, Heather Hosfield, Marisa Houghland, Sondi Johnson, Suzanne Kersten, Anne Kaluza, Dave Kufahl, Rita Lambrecht, Cory Maass, Stuart McFarland, Susan Mork, Christine Olkives, Connie Otto, Mary Jo Peterson, Craig Recknagel, Sara Ryberg, John Swanson, Steve Thompson

Staff Present: Jason Beaver, Jerry Gates, Dave Glesne, Jason Roton, Carol Skjegstad

Members Absent: Mark Lewis, Kristin Loncorich, Scott Madson, Steven Opheim, Lisa Paulson, Kelly Ramos,

Devotion—Ted Fokken

- Memorial Day: “A Day to Honor Life”
- Their sacrifice follows the example of Jesus Christ—laying down their lives for our freedom
- 1 John 3:16 “This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.”
- Romans 5:8 “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Motion to approve April 24 minutes with names added to Worship Experience notes; approved

Endowment Board

- Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp: “Gather Campaign” for dining hall and hospitality center
  - Request: \$25,000/year for three years
  - Recommended: \$25,000/year for three years
  - Approved
- World Gospel Mission/Roatan, Honduras—Community Center
  - Funding specifically for solar panels, solar panel hardware, and solar panel installation
  - Request: \$2,450
  - Approved

Mission and Ministry Spotlight: Caring and Health Ministries—Cindy Engelkes

- Provides Support through care and presence during challenging times
  - Illness
  - Life and family challenges and transitions
- Main channels for congregational care—James 5:14-15

- Hospital/transitional care visits
- Home visits
- Communion services (Calvary Co-Op, The Heathers, Meadow Ridge)
- Funerals
- Follow-up phone calls, cards, emails
- Birthday cards and phone calls (~383 people over age 80)
- *In order to provide care, we need to know there's a need.*
- Visitation Team—Luke 9:2,6
  - Visitation staff
  - Visitation ministry team (Befrienders, visitation ministers)
  - Parish nurses
- Support Teams
  - Meal ministry
  - Grief support ministry (funerals, grief support group, Service of Remembrance and Blue Christmas Service)
  - Prayer Ministry
  - Prayer/Baptismal shawl ministry
  - Care Card/Care Note ministry
- Wellness Resources
  - Parish nurses (blood pressure screening, advance care planning, health education and resources, recurring *Stepping On* falls prevention class)
  - Care Corner/Resource lists
  - Visitation Ministry Continuing Education
  - Support Groups (AA & Alanon, Suicide Survivors, Memory Loss Caregivers, The Gathering, Parenting classes)
- Goal: Health and Wellness—Psalm 139:14
  - We strive to partner with you in caring for the gift of life

Welcome Team Update—Craig Recknagel and Rita Lambrecht, council team members

- Welcome banner
- Getting Pastor Zach's office moved and ready
- Gift basket
- Thursday, May 31—ice cream after service
- Sunday, June 3—cake reception between services
- Installation: Thursday, June 7, and Sunday, June 10
  - Presided over by Pastor Zach's father and grandfather

Governance Team Update

- Currently meeting with Dayton Soby (who enthusiastically supports changes)
- Timeline necessary to meet constitutional requirement for meeting/vote lead times *as well as* giving nominating committee adequate time to prepare council roster:
  - June: Council would need to approve changes by June 19
    - **Council Action Step:** Come prepared and well-informed to June 19 meeting

- **Council Action Step:** As a council, work to help socialize proposed governance changes with congregation so that congregation is well-informed and prepared to vote
- **To access information on Calvary's website regarding proposed changes,** go to: <https://www.calvary.org/about/church-council>
  - Or from Calvary's home page:  
www.calvary.org → "About" tab → "Church Council" → scroll down toward middle of the page to find "Governance Initiative" heading
  - Documents available here:
    - "Changing Organizational Structures"
    - "Definition of New Church Council"
    - Governance Update (April 29, 2018)
    - Governance Decisions Document
    - FAQs (May 2018)
  - July: First congregational vote
  - August: Second congregational vote
  - September: Nominating committee generates roster of candidates
  - October: Congregation elects members at congregational meeting

Lake Wapogasset Bible Camp Capital Campaign (see notes under Endowment Board)

Affiliation—Is now the time to start investigating options for affiliation?

- Discussion
- Information Gathering Committee: Mary Jo Peterson, John Swanson, Steve Thompson (council members), plus additional members from congregation
  - Purpose: To investigate affiliation options and each option's potential benefits to Calvary

Financial Report—Jerry Gates

Thank you to Interim Senior Pastor Dave Glesne!

- Pastor Dave: "I'll continue to be your balcony person and your Barnabus, cheering you on and encouraging you!"
- Will continue to be an available resource, with Virtues Campus based here at Calvary

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Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 (Special focus on Governance)