

MEETING MINUTES
CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL
June 26, 2018

Members Present: Thomas Bonhiver, Paul Carlson, Ted Fokken, Mike Hofstad, Heather Hosfield, Marisa Houghland, Sondi Johnson, Suzanne Kersten, Anne Kaluza, Dave Kufahl, Rita Lambrecht, Mark Lewis, Kristin Loncorich, Cory Maass, Scott Madson, Stuart McFarland, Steven Opheim, Lisa Paulson, Mary Jo Peterson, Kelly Ramos, Craig Recknagel, John Swanson, Steve Thompson

Staff Present: Jason Beaver, Dawn Dresser, Jerry Gates, Jose Macias, Margaret Mahowald, Jason Roton, Carol Skjegstad,

Members Absent: Susan Bagge, Washington Castillo, Danielle Drevlow, Dan Hanson, Susan Mork, Christine Olkives, Connie Otto, Sara Ryberg

Devotion—Heather Hosfield

- Our lives can so quickly change, ushering in a “New Normal”
- Psalm 73
- God wants to keep us tightly in His grip; it’s *us* who try to run ahead of Him
- Believing in God isn’t about having an easy life; the promise is that whatever the path we take, God will walk with us
- We must choose to hang on to Him rather than try to run ahead and do it on our own; the dark times become bearable because of the hope we have in Jesus
- Tonight is the final step in finalizing the “New Normal” for Calvary—signing our new constitution
- As we look to the future of our church, we know we will succeed as long as we keep our eyes on Jesus and our hands in His

Motion to approve June 26 minutes; approved

Endowment Board

- Calvary Childcare Center—Relaxation and Self-Regulation Training
 - Partially covering cost of attending training to become a Yoga Calm instructor
 - Discussion
 - Concerns about how this technique may not focus on looking to Jesus to calm anxiety; Yoga’s roots in Hinduism
 - Difference between *Yoga* (roots in Hinduism) and *yoga* (practice of the physical stretching/breathing/self-regulation techniques)
 - This teacher has background in children’s ministry—connecting these physical techniques with faith
 - Motion to approve requested amount with the expectation that Margaret takes Council’s concerns back to teacher to ensure that she roots these yoga-type physical activities in a Christian framework; approved

- Calvary Childcare Center—Laptop for Staff Use
 - Encouragement for staff to pursue higher education
 - Motion to approve requested amount; approved

Tech discussion

- Calvary is lacking in quality tech equipment
- Tech upgrades aren't typically part of budget; could come out of surplus funds as available

Mission & Ministry: Outreach—Dawn Dresser

- Focus: To lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ
- Four main areas:
 - Outreach Committee
 - Trips, mission partners, food, multicultural outreach, youth programming
 - Hunger & Human Needs
 - Local hunger, global/national, crisis management/homelessness, basic needs
 - Also helps connect people with appropriate resources
 - Missionaries/Mission Trips
 - Work Trip to MVM
 - Trip with FMSC
 - Trips in response to disaster management
 - Service Projects
 - Families Moving Forward—makes such a difference for families in the program
 - Habitat for Humanity—at least one week a year
 - Kid Pack—through Robbinsdale School District, packing a bag of food to send home from school with kids to provide for kids/families over the weekend
 - Operation Christmas Child: Packing Shoeboxes for Christmas
 - Dodoma Christian Medical Center
 - Two food drives a year
 - Christmas Corner
 - Feed My Starving Children
 - Hope Academy—helping kids prepare for ACT and college, sponsor kids
 - Calvary Works—various service projects
 - Weekly Community Meal—provides both food and fellowship
- This is the tip of the iceberg...once Council structure changes, Outreach has lots of volunteer opportunities waiting to be filled! ☺

Affiliation—committee will report at a later Council meeting

Building Repair Status

- Full report from Matt Bromander on Basecamp
- Phase 1: nearing completion
- Phase 2: still on budget and on track, despite much more damage than previously known; some aspects of repair work will continue into 2019
- Chapel Doors underneath steeple have been restored

Welcome Team Update—Rita Lambrecht

- Zach has been overwhelmed by hospitality of congregation and staff
- He's been briefed on when different groups meet at Calvary
- Six Times set up for Meet-and-Greets set up for September-October

Devotions needed for September Council Meeting

Financial Report—Jerry Gates

Governance Change—Thank you for your support!

- New transition will start in January (so our current council will remain in effect until then)
- Working with Governance Committee to help with onboarding
- Signing of the new Constitution and Bylaws

Closed in Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Marisa Houghland

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, September 25, 2018