

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL OF
CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GOLDEN VALLEY**

FEBRUARY 23, 2021

A meeting of the council (the “Council”) of Calvary Lutheran Church of Golden Valley (“Calvary”) was held on February 23, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Central Time. The meeting was held in the Gathering Space on the first floor of the Calvary building at 7520 Golden Valley Road, 55427.

The following Council members, representing a quorum for purposes of transacting business of the Council and Calvary, were present:

Garnet Arroyo	Lloyd Nelson	Julie Russo
Laura Jensen	Rachel Recknagel	Jon Stepan
Todd Loncorich	Phil Reesnes	Gina VanderWerf
Stuart McFarland	Andy Roe	

The following members of the Calvary staff were also in attendance: Zach Thompson, Senior Pastor; Jason Beaver, Executive Director; and Candis Johnson, Finance Director.

Phil served as chair of the meeting and Laura served as secretary. Phil called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

The following activities transpired during the meeting:

1.0 Devotions and Opening Prayer

Led by: Zach Thompson

Biblical focus: Devotion by Andy Stanley (Joshua 1:1-18)

Theme: Leading through crisis – the importance of clarity

2.0 Endowment Report – Steve Grygar

Steve Grygar, chair of the Endowment Committee, provided written summaries and the Endowment Committee’s recommendations for council approval:

1. Changing Gaits Disability Therapy requested \$6,275 to purchase and install an open-sided sweep system. This system is a series of gates that will allow them to line up the horses along a gated run that keeps the horses calm, sedate, and in place and allows for easy and safe mounting for participants with disabilities. The Endowment Board recommends \$6,275 grant.
2. Community Emergency Service, Inc (CES) is a faith-based needs ministry serving Minneapolis for nearly 50 years and a long history with Calvary. They request \$10,000 for a new training program to train volunteers to listen and effectively share

God's love in radical and life-changing ways. The Endowment Board recommends \$7,000 grant.

3. New Horizons Foundation; Helping Hope requests \$10,000 grant towards a \$78,000 project to start a farm run by refugees in the Syrian refugee community in Lebanon. The hope is to offer sustainable employment to the refugee community along with sharing Jesus' love with them. The Endowment Board recommends a \$10,000 grant.

(3 votes) The council unanimously voted to approve each of the 3 grants as recommended by the Endowment Board.

3.0 Business Since Last Meeting

(vote today) The council unanimously approved the January (16 Jan 2021 and 26 Jan 2021) council meeting minutes. The 26 Jan meetings approved with changes as noted in Basecamp.

(previous online vote) none.

4.0 Ministry Update – Pastor Zach

We are starting to see more people in person in the building as people are coming back after COVID restrictions are easing and more people are receiving vaccines. Calvary has worked hard to be a safe and a COVID-restrictions compliant location. Next up is working on rebuilding in-person community.

Lots of activities happening including Easter, Lent and Merge Twin Cities.

5.0 Personnel Update – Jason

Still searching for Children's Ministry Director and staff for Childcare.

6.0 Merger Update – Jason, Pastor Zach

Consultants UnStuck Group have been engaged and both churches have been actively working with the consultants to keep moving forward with evaluating the merger.

Merger action team assembled: 3 council members (Phil, Stuart, Julie) and 3 staff members (Zach, Jason B, Josh Hoaby))

Why? To reach more people for Jesus.

7.0 Spanish Service Update – Garnet, Pastor Zach

Luis, who had been giving Sunday sermons, lead for the last time on January 31.

Since then, the Spanish service group has built a mini-council for the group so that leadership does not need to fall on a Sermon leader. The team is working on options for the future and how to be united with other Calvary ministries and sermons.

8.0 Financial Report – Candis

Candis reviewed the January financials. Revenues were down in January compared to previous year, but revenues exceed expenses.

Cash flow ebbs and flows by month and was positive in January 2021.

Calvary did receive COVID grants from the State of Minnesota (which was unclear last month if they would be available.) Only used for Childcare expenses.

9.0 PPP Funds Update – Candis

PPP#2 application was approved. Reflected in books as a loan.

10.0 Missions, Hunger and Human Needs Update – Phil, Jason, Pastor Zach

Tabled until next month's meeting.

11.0 Closing prayer -All

Meeting closed with corporate prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:35pm.

Upcoming events in the Calvary Calendar

- Wednesday March 3, Dr. Sammy Wanyonyi, President of Merge Twin Cities will be speaker at Lenten Services.
- Friday, March 5 host Merge Twin Cities Worship Night at Calvary (in person plus online live stream)
- Sunday, March 7 (prayformn.org) Plan to pray in church for Minnesota community. Pastors Zach and Jason R. will pray at an organized event for clergy later that afternoon.
- Monday, March 8 (prayformn.org) Calvary will be open for people to pray. Possible small gathering worship event at noon.
- Maundy Thursday, April 1, noon and 6:30pm (evening is also first communion for fifth graders.)
- Good Friday, April 2 services
- Saturday April 3, 6:30pm Easter Service
- Easter Sunday April 4, 6:30am Sunrise, 8am Traditional, 9:30am and 11am Modern

Minutes submitted by Laura M. Jensen, Secretary