

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

**October 25, 2022**

A meeting of the council (the “Council”) of Calvary Lutheran Church of Golden Valley (“Calvary”) was held on the date noted above, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Central Time. The meeting was held in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor conference room 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  
Laura Jensen  
Todd Loncorich  
Stuart McFarland

Lloyd Nelson  
Phil Reesnes  
Andy Roe

Julie Russo  
Jon Stepan  
Gina VanderWerf

Jim Cosgrove, council advisory member representing the new campus, was present. 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. Laura served as secretary. Phil called the meeting to order.

The following activities transpired during the meeting:

**1.0 Devotions and Opening Prayer**

Led by: Zach Thompson  
Bible verses: Philippians & 2 Timothy  
Theme: Focus on what is ahead

**2.0 Business Since Last Meeting**

(vote) Approval of August 23 and September 27 minutes. After duly motioned and seconded, all minutes were approved unanimously.

Approved via email in the last month:

- Minutes from June 28.
- Motion to approve and present to the congregation Columbarium Board Bylaw adjustments for a vote at the annual meeting

Reaffirmed via email in the last month:

- Minutes from May 24 (notes were previously approved with corrections. Vote confirmed corrections were made.)

### **3.0 Ministry Update (Zach)**

The program year has started. Wednesday community nights are going great. The highlights at community nights this term include a worship time, the Alpha group, a parent group, and a meal with cross-section of ages. November 9 starts a new set of classes.

Wednesday community night plans to start in Mtka campus, hopefully starting in January. With meal and classes for all ages (in addition to the current youth programming).

Worship night two Fridays ago at MTKA campus was powerful and well-attended. Next worship night is Thanksgiving Eve at GV campus, 6:30pm.

Trunk-or-Treat this Friday on both campuses. 6-8pm

Looking to grow Mtka campus worship numbers. Leaders can help engage in inviting culture and pray--both model and encourage.

Christmas services.

Friday Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> (GV) 6:30pm service (modern).

Saturday, Dec 24. (GV) 11am family service, 1pm traditional service in Worship Center. 2:30 & 4pm modern service in Worship Center. 5pm carol sing outdoors.

Saturday, Dec 24. (MTKA) 4pm at MTKA

Sunday, December 25. All venues (GV Worship, GV Traditional, MTKA) will have live preachers at 10:30am services.

New Year's Sunday, January 1, 2023, will be at 10:30am at all venues.

### **4.0 Personnel Update (Jason)**

Working on building an internship program to grow church (Calvary and larger community) long term.

Child care staffing still needed. Child care was fully staffed for a couple months, but back to looking for additional people now.

### **5.0 Minnetonka Campus Update (Jason)**

Roofing patchwork at MTKA facility complete which has resolved some issues.

Nothing new to report on property sale.

A new piece of equipment has been ordered to keep the internet network running smoothly.

Jim mentioned that he loves seeing all the kids in the building.

### **6.0 Financial Report (Candis)**

Total net surplus was negative \$60k for the year.

Childcare ended up \$5k in the positive after receiving more funds than expected (expected to be ~-12k)

Contributions are slightly low but approximately expected. Expenses also lower than budget and will keep an eye on it. Some September expenses will hit in October rather than September.

Cash flow is OK.

#### **7.0 Charter School (Jason / Zach)**

The group has been meeting and generating momentum. However, nothing substantive to report yet.

#### **8.0 Columbarium Bylaw Changes (Phil / Jason)**

The columbarium board is recommending that the board be disbanded, and that the decision making be delegated to the staff. To disband would require changing the bylaws which would require a congregational vote. As already voted via email, the council recommends taking the columbarium board's recommendation and bringing it to a vote at the annual congregational meeting. The congregation to vote on the following:

To accept the changes presented to the bylaws regarding day to day operational management of the Calvary Columbarium to staff as presented in the document entitled "2022 Change Columbarium Board to Staff Operation".

As a bylaw change, it will require a supermajority vote and will be done via paper ballot.

#### **9.0 Annual Meeting (Phil)**

The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 1 at 6pm. The Annual Report has been printed and was available for preview. It will be available to everyone attending the annual meeting.

#### **10.0 Council Service Activity (Todd)**

The group would like to do something before the end of the year. Todd made suggestions and group brainstormed ideas. Todd will look at using the Doodle app or something similar to generate best date options.

#### **11.0 Vision Planning (Zach / All)**

No visioning work today.

#### **12.0 Council Christmas Gathering (Phil)**

December 13 at Phil's house.

#### **13.0 Closing prayer**

Meeting closed with corporate prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:25pm.

Upcoming events in the Calvary Calendar

- October 28, 2022. 6-8pm. Trunk-or-treat
- November 22, 2022. Next council meeting (No council meeting in December)
- November 23, 2022. Worship Night. GV campus. 6:30pm.

Minutes submitted by Laura M. Jensen, Secretary