

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

**November 22, 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  
Rachel Recknagel  
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 and Candis Johnson, Finance Director. Mark Bergquist from Olsen Theilan and Co, Ltd., (financial auditor) was in attendance to present the annual audit.

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**

Opening prayer led by Phil.

**2.0 Audit**

Mark led the council through the preliminary audit and documents.

(vote) Laura motions to approve the audit as presented subject to minor adjustments approved by Candis Johnson. Jon seconded. Approved unanimously.

The council appreciates Candis' and Tammara Koppen's work in preparing for the audit.

**3.0 Business Since Last Meeting**

(vote) Approval of October 25 minutes. After duly motioned and seconded, all minutes were approved unanimously.

**4.0 Ministry Update (Zach)**

Tomorrow night, Thanksgiving Eve, is Worship Night at Golden Valley campus. There will be music, a short message (Pastor Dan), and prayer time with prayer stations.

Advent starts Sunday. Ghosts of Christmas Past is the theme this year. Katelyn Mapes will kick off the first sermon of the series.

Community nights continue to go well. Politics and Religion class has about 30 attendees. There is a good group in the Teens and Mental Health class—many of whom are not regular attenders at Calvary. Alpha continues. Also some other discussion groups happening.

Calvary can always use more volunteers. Contact Dagny if have time to help.

There will be a Christmas Cantata this year. Practices ongoing.

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

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

Starting January 15 will be a new six-week sermon series based on the book of Colossians. Then there will be a series leading up to Easter about how to better share our faith/Christ with people.

Youth ministry is doing well. Both Middle School and High School had successful retreats. Starting to plan summer mission trips: High School to Boston, Middle School to Pine Ridge, SD.

Minnetonka campus will have a movie night in December. Then they will plan to start community nights in MTKA campus more focused and branded for families in MTKA.

#### **5.0 Personnel Update (Jason-presented by Zach)**

The intern program is getting up and running with Tech and Worship interns starting in January. We're planning to have Youth interns for the summer.

#### **6.0 Minnetonka Campus Update (Jason-presented by Zach)**

Nothing new to report on property sale.

#### **7.0 Financial Report (Candis)**

Contributions are down ~\$100k from budget for first 2 months of the year. There was an email communication today to the congregation to begin communicating the negative trend. We are hoping that December will bring it back up to expectations, but we will need to keep an eye on it.

Investments trended positive in October, but cash flow was negative.

#### **8.0 Endowment Grant Requests (Phil)**

(vote) Motion to approve the funding requests for the Calvary Internship Program (via the Dornbusch Congregational Ministries Fund) and for the Tanzania Health Partnership

(via the Outreach Fund) as recommended by the Endowment Board. Jon seconded. Unanimous approval.

#### **9.0 Council Service Event (Todd)**

Todd presented some options and research for options to do in December. He will do a bit more research and send a message to the group with his recommendations.

#### **10.0 Closing activities and prayer**

Thank you to outgoing council members. Thank you to Jim for joining the council since the merger.

Meeting closed with corporate prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:25pm.

#### Upcoming events in the Calvary Calendar

- December 13 Council Christmas Gathering at Phil's house
- January 24, 2022. Next council meeting (No council meeting in December)
- January 11-15. Feed My Starving Children mobile packing at Calvary.

Minutes submitted by Laura M. Jensen, Secretary