

MEETING MINUTES
CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL
September 26, 2017
6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Craig Anderson, Susan Bagge, Thomas Bonhiver, Jim Borowick, Paul Carlson, Pete Duelo, Rich Graverson, Marisa Houghland, Sondi Johnson, Tim Johnson, Anne Kaluza, Dave Kufahl, Cory Maass, Scott Madson, Susan Mork, Christine Olkives, Steven Opheim, Connie Otto, Mary Jo Peterson, Craig Recknagel, Carol Rudd, John Swanson, and Steve Thompson

Staff Present: David Glesne, Jose Macias, Skip Reeves, Carol Skjegstad, Jason Beaver, and Jerry Gates

Members Absent: Rick Bode, Castillo Washington, Dan Hanson, Rosalba, Hernandez, Heather Hosfield, Suzanna Kersten, Lisa Paulson, and Lisa Reesnes

Devotions—Steve T. “Salvation and Sanctification”

- Being saved *by* Jesus means being saved *for* Jesus.
- Salvation is rebirth; sanctification is growth: growing more and more like Jesus.
- Phil 2:12-15 “Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, ‘children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.’ Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky.”
- 2 Cor 3:18 “And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”

Minutes of previous council meeting approved

Endowment Board Request: Mark Peterson

- The purposes of Hunger & Human Needs Committee and Endowment Board are different; therefore, criteria for grant application used by HHN and the Endowment Board are different.
- Grant application for TreeHouse, Inc. revisited
- Approved unanimously

Remarks from Dave Kufahl

- Thank you to Interim Search Committee for reception welcoming Interim Pastor Dave Glesne

- Thank you to outgoing council members

Election of At Large Executive Committee Representatives

- Results: Steven Opheim and John Swanson

Calvary's Mission—Hi, Neighbor!—Feedback

- Lots of kids, young people
- Block party drew people from outside Calvary
- Accomplished getting other people in the congregation involved
- Great way to meet people
- *Kids* were inviting their friends; what an outreach to those friends' families!

New Discipleship Team Forming—Pastor Carol

- Looking at how we do discipleship here at Calvary
- Encompasses adult ed, small groups, cell groups, next steps at Calvary
- Team forming to put both short-term and long-term strategies in place
- Leading people into a growing and vital relationship with Christ is vital, so that needs to be a focus now (as opposed to waiting until we have a new senior pastor)
- Team of around 11; will begin meeting this Thursday

Summary of Special Governance

- After thorough and respectful conversation, council voted to continue with the process
- Discussion
 - As process continues, there needs to be a focus on rebuilding trust
 - Written summary for congregation would be helpful, as would frequent communication (especially since we now have something more concrete to communicate)

Christmas Eve Service Schedule

- Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday—4th Sunday of Advent—this year
- Current Plan
 - Two morning services: 9am, 10:30am
 - Five afternoon/evening services: 2pm, 3:30pm, 5pm, 8:30pm, 10pm
- Further Discussion:
 - Could we even just have one morning service?
 - Morning service: one service 10am (traditional)
 - Afternoon/Evening: 3:30pm, 5pm, 9pm
 - Pastor Jose: Possibility of bilingual service
- *Motion to have one traditional 4th Sunday in Advent service at 10am.*
 - Approved unanimously
- *Recommendation to staff, to be decided by staff:*
 - One Christmas Eve service bilingual
 - 3-4 Christmas Eve services total

Feed My Starving Children 10th Anniversary at Calvary Jan 20-27, 2017

- Goal of 1M meals!
- That does obligate us financially
- Dawn D: we can do it *if* we have the backing, support, and participation of congregation (it'll take approx. 3500 people packing)
- Steven O: especially timely given recent natural disasters
- *Motion to approve committing to packing 1M meals for FMSC*
 - Approved unanimously

Update on Senior Pastor Call Committee—Rich G.

- Continuing to meet weekly
- Listening to sermons (both for candidates and potential candidates)

2017/2018 Budget Review—Jerry G.

- Discussion
- *Motion to approve 2017/2018 by council for final approval at 2017 congregational meeting*
 - Approved unanimously

Congregational Annual Meeting: Oct 24, 2017, 7pm

- Please make every effort to attend

Next Council Meeting: November 28, 2017

- 5:30pm—new council orientation by Jim Borowick
- 6:30pm—first half of meeting for all new, existing, and outgoing council meeting to discuss what has been working well, what we can do better, etc.
- 7:30pm—second half of meeting to be new council business

Close in Lord's Prayer