

MEETING MINUTES
CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL
February 27, 2018
6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Thomas Bonhiver, Paul Carlson, Danielle Drevlow, Ted Fokken, Dan Hanson, Mike Hofstad, Heather Hosfield, Marisa Houghland, Sonni Johnson, Anne Kaluza, Dave Kufahl, Mark Lewis, Kristin Loncorich, Scott Madson, Susan Mork, Christine Olkives, Steven Opheim, Connie Otto, Lisa Paulson, Kelly Ramos, Craig Recknagel, Steve Thompson

Staff Present: Jerry Gates, Dave Glesne, Jose Macias, Jason Roton, Carol Skjegstad

Members Absent: Susan Bagge, Washington Castillo, Suzanne Kersten, Rita Lambrecht, Cory Maass, Stuart McFarland, Mary Jo Peterson, Sara Ryberg, John Swanson, Bria Townshend

Devotion—Steven Opheim

- Jesus tempted by the devil—how did Jesus respond? Luke 4
- Jesus is filled with and *led by* the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus rejects the temptation to turn from His ministry.

Endowment Board—Steve Grygar

- Surprise Church—Bismarck, ND (Pastor Matt Anderson)
 - Trailer
- Mission Outreach Pakistan (MOP)
 - Sewing machines, teacher stipends, supplies, utilities
 - Lynn Metzler shared personal experience with establishing the Metzler Sewing and Skill Center in Pakistan
- Discussion
 - Q: How do we arrive at the amount being granted? A: Endowment Board's direct interface with the ministries and due diligence.
 - Purpose of council's role in hearing and approving the decisions of Endowment Board
 - Always possible for ministries to come back to ask for further funding; considerations on a quarterly basis
- Grant Requests approved as recommended by Endowment Board

Motion to approve September 26 minutes; approved

Conflict of Interest and Whistle-Blower Protection—Jerry Gates

Mission and Ministries Spotlight: Children/Youth/Family—Pastor Jason Roton

- CYF Ministry Plan
- Every activity/event/change is intentional
- Mission: To lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ

- 3 Central Questions that filter through everything we do at every age level of CYF: *Who am I? What do I believe? What is my purpose?*
 - Those questions are best answered in a place where youth know they belong
 - Ex. Senior High: In light of who Jesus is, now understand *your* identity
- Core Values
 - Every person is created in the image of God (first question)
 - Every person needs to know they are loved, they belong, and they are not alone (defines the context where we explore those questions)
 - Every person needs to know the life-changing truth of the Bible (determines where our answers to those questions come from)
 - Families have the greatest influence in a kid's life
 - Every person needs to know they can trust Jesus no matter what
- How do we make the most of the time we have?
 - Curriculum
 - Grace Place: *Hear* the Story
 - Wednesday Night Live: *Understand* the Story
 - NEXT: *Own* the Story
 - Relationships
 - Spaces (that invite kids into relationships)
- Family Worship (out of Sticky Faith research)
- Coming up: *Celebrate Spring*—Sat, March 17, 9-11am
 - Pancakes! (FREE)
 - Goal 500-700 people
 - Arts and crafts, Story time (Gospel Presentation), Easter egg hunt
- Summer Grace Place: 3 weeks in June, 3 weeks in August
 - Worship Release during services
- Ethos Groups: Shaping Your Life
 - High school *through* first year out of high school
- Partnering with Parents
 - Parenting conference, Kitchen Table conversations, Small Groups forming again this fall for 8 weeks of school year, Family Worship, My Faith Journey
- Lindbergh Fund
 - Leader development, Reaching our community, Providing space where kids belong
- Resources
 - *Think Orange* by Reggie Joiner
 - *Lead Small* by Reggie Joiner
 - *Simple Student Ministry* by Eric Geiger and Jeff Borton
 - *Growing Young* by Kara Powell, et. al
 - Fuller Youth Institute blog
- Discussion

Easter Brunch Update

- Will be held in gym
- Need volunteers!

Volume Level in Sanctuary Update

- Sound levels have been monitored since fall
- Since January, volumes have been turned down

Basecamp Basics—Marisa Houghland

- In the future, meeting minutes will be posted in Basecamp soon after meeting in “Recent Minutes Pending Approval” folder under “Docs & Files”
- Suggestion: Post as PDFs to help with formatting issues
- Goal is to become paperless where possible

Governance Update—Dave Kufahl

- Governance committee will be at March council meeting for presentation of next phase
- Before March meeting, review past Governance documents posted in Basecamp

Possibility of Changing Council Start Date

- Elections would still be held in October; Council start date of January 1
- Discussion
- General sense from Council that this would be a good idea, and should become part of Governance Committee’s charge; further discussion as part of Governance Update at March meeting

Summary of November Council Brainstorming Summary—Dave Kufahl

- Common themes
- Homework: Go through and review brainstorming document—anything else we should be focusing on?

Financial Review—Jerry Gates

- Discussion

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer

Submitted by Marisa Houghland

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m.