

Calvary Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

March 23rd, 2020

Meeting called to order @ 11:30am via Zoom. Currently there is a stay at home recommendation in our area for the Covid-19 pandemic.

Council members present: Cheryl Chapman, Kirsten Aasen, Jessica Gromer, Bill Eldridge, Jeff Schleusener, Jon Johnson and Nancy May. Staff present were: Pastor David Piper, Pastor Becky Piper, Kathy Miller, CLC Business Manager and Deacon Tom Martin.

Council members absent: Doug Thrash and Martin Kerkenbush,

No Devotion given.

Business Meeting

Approval of Minutes – The minutes from the Feb 24th, 2020 CLC Council meeting were presented and consensus was reached.

Treasurers Report – Feb 2020. Kathy Miller gave an overview as submitted. We are ahead of last year in receipts, by 13%, we are also up in distributions by 3%. AWA was down for Sunday due the 1 service followed by the Annual Meeting. AWA was up for Wednesday nights. March is looking good so far. Consensus reached.

Rostered Leaders report –

Pastor Becky's report: No written report submitted.

Pastor David's report: No written report submitted. David is working on the on-line devotionals, streaming services, calling members as needed (asking for help from council). This is a good time to get on Facebook as much of the CLC information will be shared there. There will also be a weekly email going out to those we have email addresses for.

Deacon Tom Martin's report: No written report submitted. There will be no high school youth group trip this summer.

Presidents Report – Cheryl discussed the latest on the church response to the Coronavirus pandemic. Also discussed were the council committee liaison appointments:

2020 Liaison Appointments

- Stewardship – Jon Johnson. They are working on the theme for this fall. Jon also ask each council member to go back to their committee and see if there is a need that we can plug into the fall campaign. The goal would be to get the 3 initiatives. There is currently only 1 – need for new band equipment.
- Hospitality and Volunteerism – Doug Thrash – Bill E. There were 20 people signed up for the new members luncheon, but only 3 showed up because fo the pandemic.
- Education and Family Ministries – Jessica Gromer (she will leave Stewardship). No report.

- Congregational Care – Nancy May. Kin Ministry is on hold right now because no in person meetings are allowed. Working on virtual meetings.
- Calvary-in-action – Kerk K. No report.
- Worship and Music – Jeff S. As submitted
- Building & Grounds – TBD. Cheryl. No report.
- Finance Committee – Pastor David, Kathy M and Bill E will discuss this new committee further. Bill added that he it might help the staff to have this committee. Kathy mentioned that Ketel Thorstensen (CPA) came in within the last few years to review our internal control procedures. This was used by the internal audit committee last year. Do we need this committee to also focus on more long-term planning?

New Business

Coronavirus (Covid-19) – Pastor Becky asked for us to consider how we are going to handle the up coming closure. Discussion included, no worship on Wednesdays, signs on our doors saying we are closed, weekly email telling members what we are up to. Social media should also be used.

A motion was brought forward to cancel all in-person services, meeting and events up and until the CDC's deadline of April 30th, 2020. We will reevaluate then. If the CDC changes guidance before then, we are to act accordingly. Also added, the Pastor's shall be given permission to allow access to the facility for "special circumstances" and use their discretion as they see fit. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Communications task force – Bill E developed a draft congregational survey, but we will wait on this for a later date.

Ministry now – Ideas. Cheryl asked for an open discussion – brainstorm – looking at how we can minister in the current times of the pandemic (during lockdown). Ideas shared – Congregational calling, using Zoom meeting for groups, more streaming of services (new locations and show past services), daily devotional from rostered leaders, staff and lay members, short videos from church leaders, plan for a large celebration when all this is over, do music video of favorite hymns, separate members into smaller groups and encourage fellowship, email blast of weekly updates from the church.

Executive Session

There was a motion and a second to go into executive session at 12:50pm. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm.

Reminders:

- **Next Council Meeting – April 27th, 2020 @ 11:30am**

Closing comment from Cheryl referencing Psalm 146. Meeting adjourned at 1:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Jon Johnson, Council Secretary