

Calvary Lutheran Church (CLC)
Council Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2021

Council meeting called to order at 11:39 a.m.

Council members present were Cheryl Chapman, Jeff Schleusener, Bill Eldridge, Troy Kirkpatrick, Doug Thrash, Nancy May, and Kerk Kerkenbusch. Staff present were Pastor David Piper, Deacon Tom Martin, and CLC Business Manager Kathy Miller.

Council members absent were Jessica Gromer and Kirsten Aasen.

Staff reports were not presented but are attached.

Thrash provided appreciation for church leadership during COVID response over the last couple year.

Chapman thanked Thrash for participating in Council for 6 years.

Kirkpatrick led a devotional from Eph 6:18 about persistence and steadfastness in prayer and deed.

Business Meeting

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Thrash-motion to approve; Kerkenbusch-second; approved by consensus

Miller presented an amendment to the September 2021 minutes changing verbiage to clarify that Gromer would assist with wellness initiatives at the church but not lead them. Thrash-motion to approve; May-second; approved by consensus

Miller presented the financial report. Income is close to previous year. Increases in expenditures for this year were for water for watering the lawn, personnel expenses because more hours were worked this year during post-COVID recovery. Spending deficit (expenditures-income) is about \$58,000 for the year. Kirkpatrick discussed improving financial instruments to increase interest rates on some accounts. Chapman suggested ideas to raise money for funding television and virtual ministries by using a mini-financial campaign. Kirkpatrick-motion to approve; Schleusener-second; approved by consensus.

The following constitution updates were provided for approval (paragraph, synopsis of update):

C5.05 Mission Endowment Fund; decided to not include suggested verbiage to change name of the fund

C9.01 Call committee; decided to include language authorizing the Council to appoint a Call committee

C9.21 Call committee; decided on similar language as C9.01

C11.01 Officers; decided to not include the suggested clause

C12.01 Voting members of Council; decided on language stating that the church would “strive” to include youth and young adults on the Council

C12.05c Set limits on unbudgeted contracts; decided not to add suggested verbiage

C13.01 decided to change “congregation” to “Council”

C13.02 Nominating committee; decided to retain current language and clauses

C13.03 Auditing committee; decided to not include suggested additional language

C13.05 Call committee; decided to include language authorizing the Council to appoint a Call committee (like C9.01)

C13.06 Other boards and committees; decided to change verbiage to include “...other boards and committees” to recommended verbiage

C13.07 Duties of Council; decided to include language allowing for continuing resolutions

C13.08 Members of church committees; decided to change verbiage to "...a rostered leader and President of the Council" as ex officio members.

C20.01 Parishes; decided to not include language because it is not applicable to our church

Council approved Constitution changes by consensus

Council President

Chapman requested a check of the budget by Eldridge to ensure that it includes the capital investments approved by the Council.

Martin provided notice of request for sabbatical in summer of 2023 (attached).

Amber Wichmann is continuing minister education with an intent to seek ordination. Process requires an application and \$600 fee to the South Dakota Synod. Chapman requested Council approval for the Council President signature on the application and approval for paying the fee from the seminary scholarship expense account (5.038.900), which is funded by distributions from the Calvary endowment fund. May-motion to approve; Kerkenbusch-second; approved by consensus

Announcements

New sound speakers installed in sanctuary.

High school youth ski trip in January moved to another ski facility in Montana because the planned facility increased rates.

Kin Ministry made one hundred Christmas cards to send to congregation members.

Next meeting: Monday, January 11, 2022, at 11:30 am.

Meeting adjourned at 1:07 pm. Kirkpatrick-motion; Chapman-second; approved by consensus

Respectfully submitted,



Bill Eldridge, Council Member (for Kirsten Aasen, Council Secretary)