

**CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**May 24, 2021**

Meeting was called to order by Cheryl Chapman at 11:30 p.m.

Council Members Present: Jessica Gromer, Doug Thrash, Kirsten Aasen, Jeff Scheusener, Cheryl Chapman, Troy Kilpatrick, Nancy May, Bill Eldridge. Council Members Absent: Jon Johnson, Martin Kerkenbush

Staff Present: Pastors David and Becky Piper, Deacon Tom Martin, Kathy Miller. Staff Members Absent: None.

Devotion: Pastor Becky

Upcoming devotions: Jeff Schleusener – June; Bill Eldridge – July; Cheryl Chapman – August; Jessica Gromer – September.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**Minutes:** Nancy May motioned to approve April 2021 Minutes; motion seconded by Doug Thrash. Motion carried.

**PPP Grant Proceeds:** After discussion,

- (1) Jessica Gromer motioned to expend up to \$40,000 from the PPP grant proceeds to update the church's sound system (which will include a new soundboard and speakers). Bill S. seconded the motion, and motion carried.
- (2) Jessica Gromer motioned to provide \$10,000 (approximately 10% of the total PPP Grant) to the Lutheran Outdoors Capital Campaign. Bill S. seconded the motion, and motion carried.

Business meeting then concluded and transitioned to a joint meeting with the Council and Stewardship Committee.

**STRATEGIC DISCUSSIONS w/ STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

Stewardship Chair Beth Massa and Council Chair Cheryl Chapman opened the meeting by giving a history and background of prior years' stewardship campaigns. Kathy Miller presented historical data regarding pledges and contributions. There was then discussion and "brainstorming" on initiatives and communications for the 2021 Stewardship campaign.

A discussion was also held on getting additional membership input as to what initiatives would be most important as Calvary transitions to a "post-Covid" church. It was decided that a

membership-wide gathering would be held the evening of June 2<sup>nd</sup> – staff and committee members would issue notices and invitations.

Future timelines for the 2021 Stewardship Campaign are TBA.

Strategic discussions concluded and the Council Meeting was re-adjourned at 12:45.

### **BUSINESS MEETING, CONT.**

**Covid Policies:** Discussion was had on how to operate safely in a manner consistent with ECLA and synod covid policies, as well as CDC guidance. Pastor Becky also gave an update on what policies other area ECLA churches were doing in this regard. After discussion, it was agreed that continued mask wearing during services were to be encouraged (rather than required), and that sanitizers and cleaning procedures would continue to be maintained, as well as social distance measures.

**Rostered Leader Reports:** As submitted.

**Ministry Updates:** Eliminated from discussion due to the late hour.

### **NEXT MEETING**

**The next Council Meeting will be held on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.**

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsten Aasen  
Council Secretary