

**Church Council Meeting
May 10, 2022**

Meeting called to order.

Council Members Present: Al Judson, Dennis Aanenson, Harry Wenner, Bob Hansen, Brandi McMahon, Jeremy Caudillo, John Cook, and Joel Vorhes.

Also Present: Maurice Spangler, Treasurer Wayne Pearson, Pastor Norby, and Synod Authorized Minister Kocka.

Joel provided devotions.

New Business

Maurice Spangler presented information regarding Calvary Lutheran Church sponsoring a Ukrainian refugee family. Lutheran Social Services (LSS) and another group that appears to be a part of LSS is still in the exploration stage, but it appears that LSS will have a refugee sponsorship program. Pastors from Riverside Methodist Church and Hubbard Methodist Church are also interested in exploring sponsorship of a Ukrainian refugee family. Motion by Joel Vorhes, seconded by Dennis Aanenson to form a committee to work towards resettlement of a Ukrainian refugee family through LSS or its counterpart. Motion carried.

Motion by Joel Vorhes, seconded by Bob Hansen, to appoint/authorize Maurice Spangler to form the committee to explore sponsoring the resettlement of a Ukrainian refugee family. Motion carried.

Routine Business

Motion by Dennis Aanenson, seconded by Harry Wenner, to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2022, council meeting. Motion carried.

Sign Discussion

Discussed purchasing an electronic message sign to be placed near the corner of Highway 34 and Washington Avenue. Resources is gathering information about vendors and cost. It was suggested that the Marketing Core should also be involved. Jeremy Caudillo will reach out to the Marketing Core.

Camp Emmaus Purchase

Heard a report regarding Pathways purchase of Camp Emmaus from Trinity Lutheran Church of Moorhead for \$700,000.00. A meeting was held and each congregation was authorized to send delegates. There were 26 delegates in attendance, and the vote to purchase the camp was 24 to 2. The terms call for a \$200,000 down payment and the remaining \$500,000 to be paid over the next five years at no interest. Net proceeds, should any portion be sold, must be used to reduce the debt. Trinity Lutheran Church had an offer on the camp for \$2.1 million, but since Trinity Lutheran Church has a history with Pathways, they were willing to allow Pathways to purchase it at a very reduced price. Also, while congregations improved the property at Camp Emmaus, those improvements likely would go with the camp should it be sold due to the legal ownership of buildings on land that is not owned being vested in the owner of the land, and the difficulty and cost of moving improvements such as those made to Camp Emmaus. Pathways leased Camp Minne-Wa-Kan to Concordia Language Villages through 2025, so if Pathways wants to operate a camp before 2025, they will need to either break the lease or do so at Camp Emmaus. For these reasons, the delegates voted to recommend that Pathways Board execute a contract to acquire Camp Emmaus. This will also allow Pathways to determine its long-term strategy and if it is to operate one camp, the other camp could be sold at some future date and the proceeds could be used to improve the remaining camp.

New Members

Heard a list of new members who will be joining on May 15, 2022. Motion by Harry Wenner, seconded by Bob Hansen, to approve the listed members joining Calvary Lutheran Church. Motion carried.

Core Committee Reports

Caring and Outreach: As presented.

Family Ministry: As presented. Planning summer activities.

Finance: As presented.

Learning: Meeting in small groups to plan Vacation Bible School, which will be June 6-9.

Resources: Clearing greenspace where houses were. Jeremy Caudillo will fell the partially dead pine tree.

Worship: Updated continuing resolution. Putting together an organ committee and now that COVID-19 has settled down, will go hear organs. Will determine whether an electronic or a hybrid organ would be better for our needs.

Youth: Pie auction was a success and now working on rummage sale. 18 youth and 4 adult chaperones will be going on the mission trip to Kentucky. 15 passenger vans are unavailable for rent after COVID-19.

Innovation Core: As presented.

Motion by Bob Hansen, seconded by Harry Wenner, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Joel Vorhes-Secretary