

Calvary Lutheran Church Council
April 11, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Bob Hansen, Mark Harmon, Al Judson, Dennis Aanenson, Mandy Runyan, Sara Forsberg, Bob Berdahl, Shalom Grandy, Erika Randall, and Joel Vorhes. Also present were: Jeremy Caudillo (to discuss core fair), S. A. M. Dana Kocka, and Treasurer Wayne Pearson.

Devotions by Dana Kocka.

Meeting called to order by Bob Hansen.

Motion by Al Judson, seconded by Mark Harmon, to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2023, Church Council Meeting. Motion carried.

Reviewed and accepted the treasurer's report for filing. Of note is that we had to spend \$8,944.31 for our furnace due to a power surge. A claim was filed with our insurer and we should be reimbursed \$5,944.31. We have a \$3,000 deductible. Contributions to our building fund were \$9,956.47, and our mortgage payment is \$10,428.00. So we took a small amount from our building fund reserve to make the mortgage payment. There were no additional contributions to the principal paydown. Our mortgage balance is \$1,531,150.77; and we have \$60,229.45 in our building fund reserve. Our operating fund balance is \$232,401.96.

Jeremy Caudillo discussed core fair which is scheduled for April 23 between church services. Tables can be set up late Saturday afternoon. Cores are encouraged to have a sign up sheet and to get telephone numbers of those who are interested in serving on or learning more about the particular core. Bob Hansen will try to get a contact from the Synod. We may have additional core fairs throughout the year.

Reviewed the information the ad hoc committee provided for the sign. The committee recommended signing a contract with Ladder Advertising for the sign. The cost of the sign will be \$56,995. That will be for the sign and installation, but not the wiring to the sign, any irrigation, or landscaping. Motion by Al Judson, seconded by Denny Aanenson, to sign a contract in the amount of \$56,995 for the cost of the sign and installation. Motion carried unanimously. Note that we budgeted \$67,000 for the sign and North lot project. We will also have any donations designated for that purpose.

Heard a report from the Innovation Core.

Park Rapids Ministerial Association discussed joining Love Inc. when Pastor Justin was here. Contributions were made from interested churches to fund this. However, the Ministerial Association elected to not join Love Inc. and is offering to return the contributed funds as the Ministerial Association does not need the funds. Motion by Al Judson, seconded by Bob Berdahl, to request return of our contribution and to allocate those funds to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Motion carried.

Discussed choosing a non-profit charity to support on a quarterly basis through fund raisers such as designated contributions, soup kettle drives, fund raising activities or other activities. The Executive Committee will discuss this idea and report back to the council for consideration at the May meeting.

Passed the Synod Newsletter and the thank you notes we received to the council members to read.

Core Committee Reports

Caring and Outreach:	As presented.
Family Ministry:	As presented. April 2 meal was well attended, need additional Volunteers for Suds of Service, will have an event for families with Infants to 3 yea-old children. Easter Egg hunt went well.
Finance:	As presented.
Learning:	Confirmation class will sign up to help with communion, Release time ends April 26. Sunday school ends May 7, Vacation Bible School will be June 5 to June 8. Volunteers are needed for Vacation Bible School.
Resource:	As presented.
Worship	As presented.
Youth:	Did not meet.
Innovation:	As presented.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joel Vorhes
Secretary