

**APPROVED**

Calvary Lutheran Church Council  
December 12, 2023

Members present: Bob Hansen, Dennis Aanenson, Tony Platz, Mark Harmon (on Zoom), Sara Forsberg, Monica Foster, Shalom Grandy, Bob Berdahl, Mandy Runyan, Brandi McMahon (on Zoom).

Also present: Pastor Steve Norby, Dana Kocka, SAM, and Wayne Pearson, Treasurer.

Devotion: Pastor Steve Norby

**Reports:**

- Secretary Report. Meeting Minutes from November 10, 2023, approved. Motion by Mandy Runyan, seconded by Sara Forsberg. Motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report. Wayne Pearson reviewed the November Treasurer's Report. November offerings were slower this past month. Expenses were less than budgeted. Difference from budgeted -\$1505.00. No unexpected expenses. Building Fund \$7685.28, less that budget of \$10,000/month. Treasurer's Report accepted as written.

**Business:**

- Synod donations. Pastor Norby requested that the Council consider increasing the donation to the Synod to \$35,000. Current donation to the Synod is \$30,000 per year. Discussion by the Council members about the services provided to Calvary by the Synod. As this is a budget line item of the Caring/Outreach Core, this change will be considered by the Core group and the Finance Committee as they work on the budget for FY 2024.
- Schedule Annual Meeting. The annual meeting is scheduled for January 28 at 11:40AM. The motion was made by Dennis Aanenson, seconded by Monica Foster.

**Other Business:**

- Dana Kocka reported that he has been asked to perform five weddings. He is also providing premarital counseling as part of the wedding. Dana reports that these weddings are for former Senior High League members.

**Committee Reports, Core Ministry:**

- Caring and Outreach, Sara Forsberg. No meeting in November. Meeting minutes for December 5, 2023, in packet. She highlighted that at least 12 members from Calvary attended the County Board meeting in support of the Youth Emergency Shelter and Support proposal. She reminded the Core Ministries that the theme in 2024 is "Welcome to the Table".
- Family Ministry, Brandi McMahon. No meeting in November. Brandi reported that the numbers were down at the last event due to the weather. The committee has established a limit on donations to \$30/family to help with laundry. Amount spent per Saturday, \$300.
- Finance Ministry, Tony Platz. As printed.
- Learning Ministry, Erika Randall. Dana Kocka reported that the Christmas program is on December 17, 2023. Program practice is on December 16, 2023, Saturday 2:30-4:00PM.
- Resource Ministry, Dennis Aanenson. Dennis reported that there are no minutes from their meeting in November. Dennis made a motion to purchase a power surge protector for the church at a cost of \$1,500-\$2,000. Seconded by Shalom Grandy. Discussion and motion carried.
- Worship Ministry, Shalom Grandy. The Worship Committee will use the theme, "Come to the Table", as part of The Lenten Services and Maundy Thursday. She announced that the Hubbard Methodist Church will have a Blue Christmas Service at 7PM on December 21, 2023.
- Youth Ministry, Mandy Runyan. The Senior League will be encouraged to participate in a service project once a month. In December they worked with the Arts Committee to decorate the church for Christmas. Dana has made plans to meet with college students during the Christmas break.
- Innovation Core, Bob Berdahl. See attached minutes from November 21. Bob discussed the Calvary Leadership Workshop planned for February 24, 2024, Saturday, 9AM –1PM with lunch included. The committee is discussing the Innovative Grants for projects or activities that align with and support Calvary's foundation for the future. Setting up policies and procedures for these grants.

Announcements: None

Adjourned at 6:35PM with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Foster, Council Secretary