

Approved

Calvary Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
August 13, 2024

Members Present: Mark Harmon, Monica Foster, Bob Hansen, Sara Forsberg, Tony Platz, Erika Randall, Shalom Grandy, Nicole Brandt, Stuart Larson, Gretchen Pederson, Joe McKinnon

Others Present: Dana Kocka, SAM, Pastor Steve Norby, Wayne Pearson

Guests: Jim Ertl, Bethel Cemetery Committee

Devotion: Dana Kocka, SAM

Reports:

- Secretary Report: Motion made by Stuart Larson, seconded by Joe McKinnon to approve amended July 9, 2024, minutes. Added Gretchen Pederson to the members present at the meeting.

Committee Reports:

- Caring and Outreach: Sara Forsberg highlighted three activities in her committee's minutes. Welcome to the Table – very successful. 62 members participating in eight groups. Groups meet monthly from August through November. In January, new groups will be organized. Welcome Desk. 350-400 welcome bags have been distributed. Approximately 4 bags/Sunday. Cost \$5.00 a bag. The prayer shawl group will make "mini" prayer shawls for the bags. Keep in Touch – reach out to Calvary members once a month with a note or visit. Has been in operation for five years with 17 volunteers. It was suggested that the Hard Had Ministry may be helpful to this group. This is an outreach of our church.
- Finance Ministry: Tony Platz reported that Tom Miller plans to do a temple talk in September concerning the mortgage/principal pay down. The committee will reinvest CDs in September.
- Learning Ministry: Erika Randall reviewed the committee minutes. 7th and 8th graders will no longer participate in release time on Wednesdays. Confirmation classes will be divided into two groups, Pre-K-2 and Grades 3-6, to make the message/activities more age appropriate.
- Resource Ministry: Joe McKinnon reported that the committee has set August 27th, 9-12 as a fall cleaning day. Volunteers are asked to bring their own cleaning supplies. Sanctuary sound system- Motion made by Nicole Brandt to approve the purchase of an updated Wi-Fi assisted listening system and connect new sanctuary cameras to the sound system rack at a cost of \$4951.00 from HB Sound. Motion carried. Landscaping around the parking lot expansion received one bid for \$6,768.00 from Flying W for seeding, planting Spruce and Choke Cherry trees. No other nurseries were interested in bidding on this project. Stuart Larson made a motion to accept this bid. Tony Platz seconded. Motion carried. Fellowship Hall sound system – reviewed a quote from HB Sound for equipment and labor to install a new complete sound system. Fundraising would be necessary as a complete system is around \$20,000.00. Tom Stennes will give a Temple Talk to inform members of this project. A dedicated fund has been set up to accept donations for the sound system.
- Worship Ministry: No report, no meeting.
- Youth Ministry: Dana Kocka reported that Rally Sunday is September 8th. Activities and a meal planned for that day. Youth will be part of the worship services on August 25th, September 1st, and September 8th.
- Innovation Core: Stuart Larson reported that one third of the new member surveys have been returned. He highlighted three reasons that they joined Calvary: The hospitality, the service-oriented mission and the sermons.

New Business:

- Community Meal – Mark Harmon reported that Tony Platz has met with Marlene Seach, Rachel Aanenson and Cheryl West concerning the Community Meal. Recommendation was made to plan the meal for fall 2025. All core committee members will have a role in this effort.
- Bethel Cemetery. Jim Ertl updated the Council on improvements that have been made including a new walkway and cement work around the Columbaria to improve access for families and visitors. Working on controlling weeds and reseeding is ongoing. Sentence to Serve has been helpful with mowing and maintaining the green areas. A sign will be added at the entrance with a new tag line, “Cared for by Calvary Lutheran Church” will include the church phone number to better connect Bethel Cemetery with Calvary. Tag line will also be added to the Bethel Cemetery page on the Calvary website.

Other Business:

- Bob Hansen thanked the members for their support of the Free Food Drop on Monday’s. The first week 169 households were served. The second week 269 households were served. 1500 pounds of food/week are delivered to the parking lot.

Announcements:

- Prayers are needed for Genelle Netland’s son Jake. He was seriously hurt in a car accident and hospitalized in Fargo.
- Council agenda items/reports need to be submitted to the office by no later than noon, Thursday prior to the meeting.

Adjournment:

- Council adjourned at 6:30 with the Lord’s Prayer

Addendum:

- There was an email conversation and vote regarding the ongoing project for the north parking lot and landscaping project. The Resource Core recommends the approval of the expense of \$4,330.74 for the expansion of the irrigation system to the north landscaping project. Motion made by Shalom Grandy, seconded by Erika Randall and Sara Forsberg. Motion approved by electronic vote by council members.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Foster, President Elect