

Calvary Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

April 27th, 2020

Meeting called to order @ 11:30am via Zoom meeting

Council members present: Cheryl Chapman, Kirsten Aasen, Bill Eldridge, Jessica Gromer, Jeff Schleusener, Jon Johnson, Doug Thrash and Nancy May. Staff present were: Pastor David Piper, Pastor Becky Piper, Kathy Miller, CLC Business Manager and Deacon Tom Martin.

Council members absent: Martin Kerkenbush

Devotion. Tom Martin from Live Second Book. Luke 7: 48-50.

Next month's devotion is from Jon Johnson

Business Meeting

Approval of Minutes – The minutes from the March 23rd, 2020 and the minutes from the Special meeting on April 11th, 2020 CLC Council meeting were presented and consensus was reached.

Presidents Report – Cheryl wants to talk about the coronavirus (Covid-19) impact to the church and the services we offer. This will be discussed in new business section of the agenda.

Treasurers Report – Kathy Miller present the numbers as of the end of March 2020. As submitted. Receipts are ahead of last year by 2.6% and we are up 4.8% on disbursements. Early indications of April are remarkably good, considering we are in the grip of the global coronavirus pandemic and the church has been closed for over a month.

March AWA (average weekly attendance) was discussed. Tracking AWA is becoming challenging as all services are now streaming and we are also being shown on TV (KELO). How do we track attendance when we cannot count attendance? Formulas call for observing the YouTube and Facebook views and multiply by 2. We will also check with KELO TV to see if they track viewership.

Consensus reached on Treasurers report.

Rostered Leaders report –

Pastor Becky's report: As submitted.

Pastor David's report: As submitted.

Deacon Tom Martin's report: As submitted.

2020 Liaison Appointments

- Stewardship – Jon J. Working on the fall campaign. Discussing a theme and also looking for initiative ideas from the groups. Deadline is June. This fall campaign may have initiatives that involve keeping the church viable.

New Business (COVID-19)

Coronavirus (Covid-19) – Pastor Becky mentioned there are some members urging the Church to open for business. We know the city is closed until at least May 8th, 2020. They have not issued any guidance on Churches, only retail, restaurants and other non-essential businesses.

Discussion continued with an analysis of the layout of the church. Considering current sanctuary size, we could only host 75 members for a social distant service. This does not include the fellowship hall, or classrooms. The concern is if we have more than 75 arrive, what would we do with the overflow? How do we turn people away or put them in another room? Is that going to create animosity and potential problems? Does this mean we would have to run more than 1 service? If so, how would we clean adequately between services? These questions could not be easily answered.

There was a motion from Nancy to continue to suspend all in person services, groups meeting and events up and until Memorial Day (Monday May 25th, 2020). We will follow guidance from CDC, the City of Rapid City and/or the SD SYNOD as it changes. The motion included giving the Pastors continued discretion to allow for exceptions for special and extenuating circumstances. The motion was seconded by Doug, and motion carried with no objections.

How do we handle Holy Communion? Ideas include providing pick-up bags with the communion essentials. We could seek volunteers to deliver bags to those who cannot stop by at a select time to pick them up. The Bishop has issued guidance on how to handle communion. Deacon Tom Martin mentioned the Milestones for the High Schoolers will be done in the parking lot, we can give them all communion bags to take home.

Daily devotions are working well. Lots of positive comments.

We need to continue calling members. LeAnn has lists for anyone who wants to help. Please ask for an email address as you call.

Seek sponsors for the KELO TV program to continue. This is the easiest way for our members to view the service. It is also a great community outreach. Pastor David will see if there are more Sunday slots available from KELO TV.

Karla is starting the plan and cook for the Meals on Wheels program. They are in desperate need for assistance. Our kitchen is ideal for this type of setup.

Reminders:

- **Next Council Meeting – May 18th, 2020 @ 11:30am**

Meeting adjourned at 12:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jon Johnson, Council Secretary