

**Calvary Lutheran Church (CLC)**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**February 8, 2022**

Council meeting called to order at 11:35 a.m.

Council members present were Jeff Schleusener, Jess Gromer, Bill Eldridge, Kerk Kerkenbusch, Nancy May, and Dan Kuecker. Staff present were Pastor David Piper, Deacon Tom Martin, and CLC Business Manager Kathy Miller.

Council members absent were Troy Kirkpatrick, Cheryl Chapman, and Kirsten Aasen

Eldridge devotional on obedience

Council and staff present provided introductions

**Business Meeting**

Minutes from January 11, 2022, were amended and approved by consensus (see amended copy)

Election of officers:

- Schleusener nominated Eldridge for Secretary and Kerkenbusch for Treasurer
- Kerkenbusch made motion for approval, May second

Votes for election of officers were counted: 6 for yes; 0 for no

Monthly meeting times for Council were set for second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

Miller presented treasurer report:

- Giving in January was \$44,895 which is about two-thirds of previous January
- Expenditures in January were higher than previous year spending
- Question from Gromer about increasing energy costs (up to 50%) in the budget (ans: 50% increase not included in the budget)
- Question from Kueker about comparing energy use with last year (ans: energy use increased this year)
- Question from Schleusener about amount of money in MIF (ans: two accounts add to the total presented in the last minutes)
- Schleusener discussed the possibility of not funding the narthex updates to save about \$60,000 in building update costs
- Gromer stated that special events could encourage donations and giving

Fundraising planning:

- Miller, Pastor David Piper, and Kelli Meisner met to discuss fund raising efforts such as using a giving tree
- Gromer volunteered to help with fundraising efforts
- Schleusener suggested a Lent season fundraiser
- Pastor David Piper agreed to send an email invite to key members of the Council and Stewardship Committee for fundraising meetings

Intern updates:

- Schleusener and Pastor David Piper discussed the call by Executive Council to an intern candidate, Alesha Ungs (Vicar); Ungs has an offer from another church and will decide within the next weeks where to complete the remaining 5 months of internship
- Funds are available to pay \$1,800 per month for 5 months; furnished housing is available from Rand Schleusener; office space is available
- Start date would be March 1, 2022
- Council agreed to offer internship to Vicar Ungs; Pastor David Piper agreed to develop a detailed schedule for Council review that includes the dates, times, events, and staff that Ungs would work with during the internship

Reports:

- As presented from staff in handouts
- Council liaisons had nothing significant to report

Updates to Staff Handbook

- Gromer offered to continue collaborating with Pastor David Piper on job descriptions and offered to help update the staff handbook
- Gromer offered to make recommendations to Council for organizational planning
- Pastor David Piper estimated completing the handbook by February of 2023

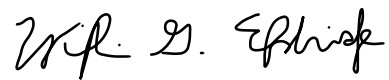
Committee reviews: Kueker volunteered to be the Council liaison on the Education Committee

Announcements: Eldridge mentioned the start of fund-raising for sign updates

**Next meeting:** March 8, 2022, at 11:30 am.

Meeting adjourned at 1:11 pm. Approved by consensus

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Eldridge". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Bill Eldridge, Secretary