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

Council meeting called to order at 11:30 a.m.

Council members present were Jeff Schleusener, Jess Gromer (called-in), Bill Eldridge, Kerk Kerkenbusch, Nancy May, Troy Kirkpatrick, Cheryl Chapman, and Dan Kuecker.

Staff present were Pastor David Piper, Deacon Tom Martin, and CLC Business Manager Kathy Miller.

Council members absent were Kirsten Aasen.

Tom Martin provided a devotional on spiritual gifts.

Business Meeting

Minutes from January 11, 2022, were amended to add Cheryl Chapman as not present. Minutes for January, February, and the annual meeting were approved by consensus.

Miller presented treasurer report:

- Giving in January and February was about 16.5% below previous year's giving during the same months
- Utilities bills were higher in January and February than the same months in previous years
- Disbursements are up about \$22,000 and giving is down about \$20,000 for February compared to last year
- In-church attendance was lower compared to previous year during the same months
- Kuecker asked about adjusting spending plan to match giving trends
- Motion to approve treasurer report by Kuecker, 2nd by May, approved by consensus

Reports:

- Rostered leader reports were presented
- No other reports were presented from council liaisons

Old Business:

- Schleusener received volunteers for council meeting devotions
- Renovation update provided by Miller: contractor will provide final pricing within the next couple of weeks and construction is expected to be completed on time; contract has a 10% contingency included in price
- Schleusener asked for a vote on approval for new renovation estimate of \$240,000: motion from Kerkenbusch, second by Eldridge, approved by consensus

Fundraising planning:

- Schleusener suggested a fundraising goal of \$100,000 to be raised by Easter to support renovations
- Miller presented a call list for the executive council to ask for renovation funding; the list will be divided up by the executive council after the meeting, and calls would be completed the week of March 8
- A draft mailer/flyer to the congregation explaining the renovations with a request for additional donations was reviewed and will be updated prior to mailing; planned mailing date is March 15
- Schluesener discussed matching donations by council members and additional congregation calls by council members in the near future
- An open house for the renovations was discussed for April 6, 9, and 10
- Schleusener asked for approval for the \$100,000 fund-raising goal and general fundraising plan; all council members approved the plan

Other business:

- Sunday, 8:00 am services will be discussed by worship and music committee at their next meeting.
- Chapman will be the new council liaison to the worship and music committee, replacing Schleusener

Next meeting: April 12, 2022, at 11:30 am.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Eldridge, Secretary