

Calvary Lutheran Church (CLC)
Council Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2022

Council meeting called to order at 11:15 a.m.

Council members present were Jeff Schleusener, Jess Gromer, Bill Eldridge, Kerk Kerkenbusch, Troy Kirkpatrick, and Dan Kuecker.

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

Council members absent were Kirsten Aasen, Nancy May, and Cheryl Chapman.

Pastor David Piper provided a devotional on being thankful and calm. Everyone provided five thankful things.

Business Meeting

Minutes from March 8, 2022 were approved by consensus.

Miller presented treasurer report:

- March receipts were \$54,143 and disbursements were \$93,572
- Year-to-date receipts minus disbursements equaled -\$101,157
- Cash-on-hand is \$715,673
- Weekend worship attendance in January, February, and March was 155, 194, and 167, respectively
- Kuecker summarized that giving was down, but expenses are up—both trajectories are in the wrong direction
- Kuecker also summarized that our deficit is about \$18,000 per month
- Martin provided ideas for improving giving such as passing offering plates
- Kirkpatrick stated that labor and number of hours for part-time employees should be evaluated
- Treasure's report was approved by consensus

Reports:

- No rostered leader or council liaison reports were presented but are available

New business

- Endowment policies were discussed:
 - o Kuecker stated that the Council did not seem to have much input for endowment operations
 - o Gromer stated that endowments were traditionally for operating costs and asked how endowment distributions are decided
 - o Schleusener requested a vote to open two new endowment instruments and approval to sign the paperwork; the church would have three endowment instruments with the addition of the two; Kuecker-motion; Kerkenbusch-second; anonymously approved
- Aasen resignation:
 - o Schleusener announced Kirsten Aasen's resignation from the Council
 - o Council acknowledged the resignation and discussed procedures for a replacement
 - o Council agreed to plan for a replacement during the next regular Council meeting and to find people willing to serve

Old Business:

- Renovation update:
 - o Schleusener reviewed church's financial position and requirements for renovations
 - o Subcommittee was formed to review the proposed contract and recommend changes based on current financial situation; sub-committee included Schleusener, Eldridge, Chapman, Kuecker, Kerkenbusch with a meeting scheduled for April 20, 2022, at 5:00pm and purpose to provide recommendations to Council at next meeting

Next meeting: April 26, 2022, at 11:30 am to decide on renovations

Meeting adjourned at 1:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill J. Eldridge". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B" and "E".

Bill Eldridge, Secretary