

Calvary Lutheran Church (CLC)
Council Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2022 (revised November 6, 2022)

Council meeting called to order at 11:35 am

Council members present were Jeff Schleusener, Jess Gromer, Bill Eldridge, Kerk Kerkenbush, Nancy May, and Dan Kuecker.

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

Council members absent were: Cheryl Chapman and Troy Kilpatrick

Pastor Becky opened with prayer. Kerkenbush provided a devotional about how to think about the future

Regular business

- Minutes from previous July meeting were approved by consensus
- Treasurer's report:
 - o August spending was \$16,000 more than giving
 - o August giving was about \$75,000 less than previous year at same time
 - o Year-to-date giving minus disbursements was -\$130,247
 - o MIF currently has \$284,000
 - o August average attendance on the weekend was 191, virtual was 181, and Wednesday was zero
 - o Report approved by consensus
 - o Council clarified that the business manager can use MIF for operating expenses if MIF retains a minimum balance for \$210,000

Old business

- Building improvements:
 - o Flooring completed and painting completed; sprinkler guards not yet installed
 - o Room will be in use this Wednesday
- Committee updates
 - o Altar Guild meeting September 13, 2022, at 5:30 pm.
 - o Congregational Care: West Hills had 12 people previous week
 - o Education: additional congregational members desired for the committee
 - o Hospitality Committee: no update
 - o Handbook and policies: continued updates in progress
 - o Stewardship: workshop invitation sent, working to simplify giving process
 - o Worship/music: no update
- EmpowerEd:
 - o Pastor David said school is going well: 11 students and 2 teachers
 - o School day is from 7:30 am until about 5:00 pm with after-school activities
 - o Council has the agreement
 - o School is accomplishing some cleaning
- Financial adjustments:
 - o TV/CW: September funded by Pipers and anonymous donors; Oct has one week funded
 - o TV cost is about \$350/week (\$1,400 per month or about \$16,800 per year)

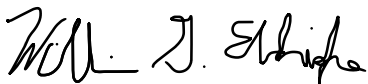
New business

- Vacant Council member position: Constitution requires a position to fill vacant position through beginning of 2023
 - o Two people offered for nomination: Holly Mitchell (nominated by President) and Mark Massa (nominated by nominating committee)
 - o Vote by majority of votes by nominee wins: vote was 5 for Mitchell and 0 for Massa (1 abstain)
 - o Mitchell selected to serve on Council until new Council members selected and installed after next business meeting
- Pastor Becky discussed the vice-pastor position to assist Amber Wichman at Lord of Life church while Wichman is completing seminary training to become a minister
 - o Gromer stated that this would help a congregation member become a minister
 - o Motion to accept the additional responsibility by Pastor Beck to become a vice-pastor by Schleusener; second by Eldridge; approved by voice vote
- Schleusener suggested follow-up videos to increase giving
*** Eldridge departed at 12:45 pm, Gromer assumed notetaking ***
 - o Kerkenbush will get numbers from Miller to create a video
 - o Stewardship will produce a separate video in October
- Post-remodeling: Pastor David leading the Fellowship Hall usage committee but needs additional people
 - o Pastor David stated that Fellowship Hall may not increase revenue but will attract new members
 - o Schleusener suggested charging more for facility use, then decrease charges over time
 - Kerkenbush asked about how time was scheduled to use gym: Miller stated using Square License for payment, Google calendar, specific requests will be routed through Pastor David
- Information was provided that LSS is hiring a person to assist with Ukrainian refugees and may need to use office space in the church
- Annual Business Meeting scheduled for December 11, 2022

Next meeting: TBD

Meeting adjourned at about 1:00 pm (unanimous approval)

Respectfully Submitted,



Bill Eldridge, Secretary