



## **Approved March 27, 2023 Council Minutes**

**Meeting called to order by Hans Dahl at 5:00 pm on Monday, March 27, 2023.**

Members present: Lukas Gotto, Kathy Hungness, Katie Rentschler, Ann Stehn, Clay Ostlund, Cheryl Whitchurch, Pastor Hans Dahl, Bruce Luehmann, Mark Stromswold

Members Absent: Pastor Angie Larson, Jana Berndt, Jeff Rodel

### **Mission Sightings**

- 1) JAM during church is going well and our students are remembering things from weeks in the past. A 4-year-old said today, "Jesus was a doer and God was a builder".
- 2) Pastor Angie's work on raising money for wells in Ghana has been amazing! We are nearly about to build 7, our goal was 4. Thank you Calvary faithful for helping out!
- 3) Connect groups have just grown and grown and we are thrilled those experiences are going so well for our congregation and beyond. We have 100 new people in those groups this spring.
- 4) Nolan started a choir here this fall and it's the biggest it's been in our church history!
- 5) We have had to build a new structure for holding onto volunteer name plates because we have so many people doing volunteering!

### **Consent Agenda**

- 1) Consent Agenda for March proposed for approval by Clay Ostland, 2nd by Kathy Hungness, motion carries.

### **Treasurer Report**

Presented by Bruce.

- 1) February was a decent month, but a little lighter than we had hoped. However, we do have to remember some canceled service times because of snow storms during that time. We are currently in the black \$22,000 year to date, so we are in a good spot.
- 2) We have had to pay for more snow removal than was estimated in the budget this year because of the significant snow we've had.
- 3) We've also made a \$60,000 principal payment to the building fund this month.
- 4) Treasurer Report for March proposed for approval by Cheryl Whitchurch, 2nd by Mark Stromswold, motion carries.

## **Old Business**

### **1) Dashboard**

- a) It's been great to have another month of information to look at on the dashboard. It hasn't shifted as much from month to month, but is really helping the office staff out with organizing, easier to find information, and have the data tell a story. Much more to come with it as we continue learning.

### **2) Staffing Updates**

- a) **Preschool Director** - On April 1 we will hold interviews for the preschool director interviews! We have 3 candidates on the docket for Saturday and are excited to host those. More to come next month!
- b) **Partner Network** - The Calvary team has been stepping up and helping cover the Partner Network since that transition occurred. The Network is still growing and the relationships are moving forward in a positive way. The health of the network is in great shape, and we look forward to continued growth in that part of our ministry. The Calvary staff is assessing the position and the needs moving forward. We are also up to 8 contracted partners in our circle!

### **3) Sabbatical**

- a) A team from Calvary that included Pastor Hans submitted a grant application to the Lilly Foundation (same foundation we received the Partner Network grant from) for him to learn and grow through a sabbatical in the next couple of years. We will be notified about that by August 31, 2023.

## **New Business**

### **1) Easter is Coming!**

- a) There will be additional worship times available during Easter, you can find those online at [EasterwithCalvary.com](https://EasterwithCalvary.com).

### **2) Worship at the Lake**

- a) The poles are in for the new shade setup and those tarps will be hung up soon!
- b) There has been a team from Calvary working with the team at Luther Crest focusing on accessibility concerns out at the lake, specifically regarding the steps/trails walking down the hill to the worship area. The combined team is looking at steps coming off the Dining Hall down the hill, asphalt paving the path from the parking lot, and other options to help our worship goers out. More to come from the team shortly as they work with local contractors on the projects for bids and quotes. Motion by Clay Ostland to gather bids and to start fundraising for projects at Luthercrest that will benefit both Calvary and Luthercrest, 2nd by Kathy Hungness.

## **3 Take Aways**

- 1) Easter is coming, share invites
- 2) Providing lifesaving water in Ghana
- 3) Partner Network continued growth.

**The meeting closed with Pastor Hans leading in prayer and adjourned at 5:50 pm.**