



## Approved Council Minutes September 16, 2024

**Members Present:** Pastor Hans Dahl, Pastor Angie Larson, Katie Rentschler, Mark Christenson, Kathy Hungness, Brett Boyum, Mark Stromswold, and Cheryl Whitchurch

**Absent:** Bruce Luehmann, Jeff Rodel, Ann Stehn

Meeting called to order by Mark Christenson at 6:00 pm.

### **Mission Sightings:**

- The extra work from Angie and Katie over the summer to make everything run smoothly
- 92 pizzas with 300 kids on first night of programming - a lot of new high school students
- A lot of VBS carry over on Wed evening
- Student worship began
- A member of Calvary built a cross to hang in the Worship Center
- Adrian Walter is here and has hit the ground running at Calvary and in the community
- Backpack Attack
- Kicked off next phase of the Make Room appeal with the first event

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Hans led the group in opening prayer.

### **Leadership: Council Priorities for 2024**

- Sustaining Ministry: Appeal
- Facility: Improvement Study
- Engagement: Dashboard
- Staff: Sabbatical & Next Gen Minister Hiring
- Lead Pastor Review

**Sustaining Ministry: Appeal:** Katie reported that the first event of the next phase of the appeal was held on Sept 15. The next kick-off appeal events will be held on Oct 6, 7, and 8, from 5:30-7:30. A brochure has been completed and videos will continue to be shown at worship. The start of the stewardship series, Make Room, will begin on Oct 6.

**Facility: Improvement Study:** Katie reported that the results are back from the improvement study by VCI Environmental. The company is working to provide an estimate for abatement of material found in the basement.

**Engagement Dashboard:** Katie reported that more details will be available in October.

**Staff: Sabbatical & Next Gen Minister Hiring:** Mission has been accomplished with the hiring of Adrian Walter as Next Gen Minister and the return of Katie and Hans Dahl from sabbatical. Follow up work will be completed with the consulting team to tie up the sabbatical grant.

**Consent Agenda:**

- Minutes of August Meeting
- Staff Reports
- Fund Approvals

A motion to accept the consent agenda as presented was made by Kathy and seconded by Deb. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:**

**August Financials:** Katie reported that August income fell short of budget, a first in many months. Fewer made annual gifts in August. Annual gifts and income have shot back up in September. Income remains over budget YTD and expenses remain under budget YTD.

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Mark S. and seconded by Brett. Motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

**Financial Exploration:** Katie reported that more in depth conversation will take place in November with information ready for the annual meeting in January..

**Calvary Partner Network Conference:** The Calvary Partner Network Conference will be on September 28. Seventy participants have registered so far, representing partner churches, local churches, and Calvary. The conference will feature guest speakers and breakout sessions. A Meet and Greet with partners will be held on the evening of September 27 at the Boathouse.

**New Business:** The Synod will visit the October or November council meeting to share a thank you and the workings of the synod. Council is encouraged to ask any questions that we may have.

**Top Three Takeaways:**

- Financial management of expenses
- Number of pizzas and kids on Wednesday evening
- Making Room in our hearts, pews, finances

The meeting was adjourned @ 7:10 pm.

The next meeting will be held on **October 21, at 6:00 pm.**