



## Approved Calvary Council Minutes March 17, 2025

**Members Present:** Pastor Hans Dahl, Katie Rentschler, Bruce Luehmann, Mark Christenson, Kathy Hungness, Brett Boyum, Mark Stromswold, Whitney Anderson, Jeff Rodel, and Cheryl Whitchurch

**Absent:** Pastor Angie Larson, Ann Stehn

The council meeting was called to order by Mark Christenson at 6:04 pm.

### Mission Sightings:

- New connect groups with members engaging in worship
- Positive feedback from new connect groups
- Record Ash Wednesday worship attendance
- 300 participants in Matthew Bible Study
- New Connect Group Materials

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

### Leadership: Council Priorities for 2025

Calvary leadership has identified 3 broad challenges facing the church in America. The council had discussion around the challenges of attendance, engagement, and generosity in preparation for our strategic planning with North Point Professionals in April and May.

### Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of February Meeting
- Staff Reports
- Fund Approvals

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

### Treasurer's Report:

February Financials: Bruce reported that February was a good month for giving. Worship income was up 9% YTD and February 2025 income was up 16% from February 2024. Bruce noted that more donors are giving on an annual basis in the first few months of the year.

Bruce also reported that total expenses are flat with last year and our net bottom line is ahead of budget.

Bruce noted that preschool tuition is up 21% over last year and total expenses are down 5%. The preschool is also operating in the black.

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

Employee Retention Credits: We have received three of the five checks that we anticipate for a total of \$67,799.40 thus far. A motion to grant Katie Rentschler authority to spend up to \$10,000 of the funds for wood chips to maintain the preschool playground was made by Mark S. and seconded by Whitney. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: None

New Business:

July 2025 Council Membership: A motion to recommend Brian Baustian for council membership beginning July 2025 was made by Mark S. and seconded by Cheryl. Motion carried unanimously.

Top Three Takeaways:

- Strong financial start for the year
- Thorough and thoughtful work that went into the preparation for upcoming collaboration with North Point Professionals
- Record Ash Wednesday attendance & over 300 Matthew study participants
- Welcome Whitney!

The meeting was adjourned @ 7:14 pm.

The next council meeting will be held on April 14 @ 6:00 p.m. with North Point Professionals.