



## **Approved Calvary Council Minutes May 19, 2025**

**Members Present:** Pastor Hans Dahl, Pastor Angie Larson, Katie Rentschler, Bruce Luehmann, Mark Christenson, Ann Stehn, Brett Boyum, Mark Stromswold, Whitney Anderson, and Cheryl Whitchurch

**Absent:** Kathy Hungness, Jeff Rodel

The council meeting was called to order by Mark Christenson at 5:02 pm.

### **Mission Sightings:**

- 39 preschool graduates
- Calvary at the Lake - Volunteer time, donations, and upgrades
- Partner Network Discernment Retreat
- Volunteer Rally - 60 in attendance with some new volunteers
- Easter - Record numbers in attendance, strong generosity
- Positive feedback about the series "Am I Ok?"
- Funerals of saints of the church and appreciation for the faith they modeled

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

### **Leadership: Strategic Planning with North Point Professionals**

Following the regular council meeting, Calvary's Strategic Planning team will meet with Dan and Lisa Malmstrom to continue planning strategically for the future of Calvary. It will be a time for listening and questions.

### **Consent Agenda:**

- Minutes of April Meeting
- Staff Reports
- Fund Approvals

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

### **Treasurer's Report:**

**April Financials:** Bruce reported that YTD we are running 4% ahead of budgeted income and 5% below in budgeted expenses resulting in \$41,000 ahead of budget YTD. We were able to make a \$200,000 principal payment on the mortgage leaving about 13 months of reserve in the

mortgage reserve strategy fund. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Mark S. and seconded by Whitney. Motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Capital Expenditures:** Calvary has received \$150,000 so far in Employee Retention Credits. Pastor Hans outlined a proposal to spend up to \$70,000 of the funds received on capital expenditures.

- A golf cart for Calvary at the Lake
- 150 Hub chairs
- Heat and AC in preschool offices
- Exterior signage for the church and the preschool
- Acoustical tile for the Lookout Room
- Concrete around the Calvary at the Lake stage area

A motion to follow the proposal as presented was made by Ann and seconded by Cheryl. The motion was carried unanimously.

**2025-2026 Budget:** A draft of the 2025-2026 Calvary budget was presented as a part of a 5 year budget goal that would allow for budgeting for capacity. The council gave staff their blessing to proceed with the budget planning and present a 2025-2026 budget for approval at next month's meeting.

**Top Three Takeaways:**

- Record Easter attendance and strong generosity
- Strategic planning of priorities for Calvary's future
- Thoughtful budget planning for capacity

The meeting adjourned @ 6:08 pm to meet with North Point Professionals and the Strategic Planning Team.

The next council meeting will be held on **June 16 @ 5:00 p.m. followed by strategic planning with North Point Professionals.**

**Strategic Planning with North Point Professionals:** The Strategic Planning Meeting opened with prayer. Dan Malmstrom outlined the agenda, session objectives and outcomes. Each of the three working groups which focused on engagement, attendance, and generosity presented their small group work. Key takeaways, questions, and recommendations were presented. The goal at the next meeting on June 16th will be to draft priorities for the upcoming year.