



Calvary Council Minutes August 18, 2025

Members Present: Pastor Hans Dahl, Katie Rentschler, Bruce Luehmann, Mark Christenson, Ann Stehn, Mark Stromswold, Brett Boyum, Jeff Rodel, Whitney Anderson, Brian Baustian, and Cheryl Whitchurch

Absent: Pastor Angie Larson

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

Officer Elections:

- President: Brett Boyum
- Vice President: Whitney Anderson
- Secretary: Cheryl Whitchurch

A motion was made by Brian and seconded by Mark S. to approve the officers for the next year as presented. The motion was carried unanimously.

All In Moments:

- VBS - energy of kids and volunteers, many new volunteers this year
- Calvary at the Lake
- Take Stock Banquet & Generosity
- Culture of supporting young people

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

Leadership:

Strategic Planning: The objective of **broadening engagement amongst all that call Calvary their church home** was identified through the strategic planning process. The theme of “All In” was introduced at the annual meeting, challenging all of us to deeper engagement and whole-hearted commitment. The council watched the “All In” video that was shared at the annual meeting and discussed what “All In” means individually and as a community. The council members brainstormed in small groups what Calvary is “all in” for. Small group conversations were shared with the group to create a collective Calvary vision that broadens “all in” engagement.

Pastor Hans shared the internal objectives of staff and council as well as the external objectives of specific areas for growth in Calvary engagement. The objectives and key results will be a Calvary roadmap for the next 18-24 months. Each month an objective will be presented at council in greater depth.

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of July Meeting
- Staff Reports
- Fund Approvals

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

Treasurer's Report:

July Financials: Bruce reported that we completed the six month stub transition and we are moving into a new fiscal year. Overall, the total income for July 2025 was up 8.5% over July of 2024. July 2025 expenses were down from 2024 expenses. Katie noted that the VBS expenses were incurred earlier in 2024 and there was a staff maternity leave which made for higher expenses in July of 2024. Bruce also reported that our loan balance is at \$2.9 M and the mortgage reserve fund remains in the \$250,000-\$260,000 range.

A motion to accept the treasurer's financial report was made by Mark S. and seconded by Whitney. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Position: The treasurer position was discussed. A motion to elect Bruce as treasurer for the fiscal year was made by Jeff and seconded by Brett. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business: Annual Meeting in 2026: Katie noted that in 2026 VBS will be held the last week of July. Historically, the annual meeting has also been held during the last week of July. Alternate annual meeting dates were discussed. A motion to set next year's annual meeting date for August 12, 2026 was made by Ann and seconded by Whitney. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: None

Top Three Takeaways:

- Thank you to Mark C. and Bruce for their leadership during the fiscal year transition. Thank you to the new officers.
- Thank you to Katie for her annual meeting work and organization.
- Thanks to the staff for their strategic planning work.

Pastor Hans closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The next council meeting will be held on **September 15, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.**