

Calvary Council Minutes July 21, 2025

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

Absent: Brett Boyum, Jeff Rodel

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

Mission Sightings:

- Next Gen Series & Podcast launch
- Houseboat trip
- Record 4th of July attendance at the lake
- Nolan's Performance at Copper Trail & his representation of Calvary
- Core staff's work on the Strategic Planning objectives

Devotion & Opening Prayer: Pastor Hans led the group in devotion and opening prayer. The council discussed Luke 5, the calling of the first disciples and had conversation on what it would be like to be a church that is "all in".

Leadership:

Strategic Planning: The council shared feedback of the strategic planning process completed with North Point Professionals. Through the planning process, broadening engagement amongst those who already call Calvary their church home was identified as Calvary's "North Star" Objective. Pastor Hans highlighted the internal objectives of staff and council as well as the external objectives of specific areas for growth in Calvary engagement. Pastor Hans also shared the objective and key result work that core staff members had completed since the group planning sessions as well as a draft of Calvary external engagement objectives and key results.

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of June Meeting
- Staff Reports
- Fund Approvals

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

Treasurer's Report:

June and Stub Year-End Financials: Bruce reported that we ended the six month January-June stub fiscal year in fine shape. With total income 2% over budgeted income and expenses 2% below budgeted expenses, we finished the six months at the break even point. Bruce

expressed gratitude for the generosity of the congregation and for the expense management of the staff.

Katie noted that the preschool financial schedule will be realigned to be on the same July-June schedule as the church.

A motion to accept the treasurer's financial report was made by Kathy and seconded by Cheryl. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business: None

Old Business: Annual Meeting Preparation: The annual meeting will be on July 30, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Katie reviewed the agenda for the meeting. Business during the meeting will include adoption of the July 2025-June 2026 general fund budget and election of the 2025-2026 council members. An ice cream social will follow the meeting.

Top Three Takeaways:

- The thoughtful work of the staff following strategic planning sessions
- New faces at Luther Crest
- Parenting Initiative and Podcast
- Kathy's 6 ½ years of service on council
- Katie - end of year financials
- Teamwork on the annual report

Pastor Hans closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

The next council meeting will be held on **August 18, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.**