



CALVARY CHURCH

Calvary Council Minutes June 15, 2026

Members Present: Pastor Hans Dahl, Katie Rentschler, Jana Berndt, Brett Boyum, Whitney Anderson, Samarah Hadley, Mark Stromswold, Brian Baustian, and Cheryl Whitchurch

Absent: Pastor Angie Larson, Mark Christenson, and Jeff Rodel

The council meeting was called to order by Brett Boyum at 6:01 pm.

All In Moments:

- Calvary at the Lake Engagement
- Worship Music
- Feed My Starving Children Packing Event - Generous donations and volunteers
- Ghana Trip and Pastor Angie's Leadership
- Luther Crest Bible Camp Engagement - 90+ Calvary students
- HS House Boat and Mission Trip Engagement - 60+ students
- Re-Church connections and impact
- Generosity - Hit income goal one month early

Opening Prayer & Devotion: Pastor Hans led the group in devotion and prayer. The council reading was from Mark 12:41, the widow's offering. The reading reminded us that as followers of Jesus, building a culture of generosity is just what we do.

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of May Meeting
- Staff Reports
- Fund Approvals

The council reviewed the May minutes and staff reports as presented. There were no fund approvals.

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

Treasurer's Report:

May Financials: Jana reported that financial trends continue to be strong and May was another very generous month at Calvary. May income was 12% over budget, resulting in meeting our yearly income goal one month before the end of the fiscal year. Jana also shared that the Make Room Appeal pledges came in at \$18,000 in May, allowing for another significant principal payment of \$80,000 to be made in June, reducing our mortgage. Jana reviewed another very solid balance sheet and noted that new 4 month CDs were purchased. We continue to be in a strong financial position as we close our fiscal year.

A motion to accept the treasurer's financial report as presented was made by Mark S. and seconded by Samarah. The motion was carried unanimously.

New Business:

Staffing Updates: After much prayer and consideration, Adrian Walter resigned from his position at Calvary as Next Gen Minister to relocate closer to his family. Adrian's final day will be August 2, 2026. Pastor Hans outlined the transition plan for the next year which includes a part-time Raising the Next Gen grant administrator. The Next Gen Director role will be temporarily divided into age-specific ministry coordinator positions: Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle School, High School. The year interim plan will allow for Calvary leadership to evaluate and carefully consider long term staffing options for the next phase of Next Gen ministry.

Fall Worship Schedule: Leadership will be moving ahead with 3 Sunday services beginning in the fall to make room for growing worship attendance. The council had discussion on scheduling possibilities. A survey will be sent out for congregational feedback. The adjusted schedule will be presented later this summer.

Insurance Provider Approval: Katie shared the report from Calvary's insurance committee, led by Donn Frahm. Insurance coverage bids were received from Church Mutual, our current provider, and Farmers Union Insurance. Farmers Union is able to offer a church insurance-specialty policy through GuideOne giving us the opportunity for lower deductibles, better coverage and local service. The insurance committee recommended selecting Farmers Union Insurance as Calvary's provider.

A motion was made by Mark S. and seconded by Brian to approve the selection of Farmer's Union Insurance through GuideOne as Calvary's insurance provider. Motion was carried unanimously.

The council expressed gratitude to Katie, Donn, and the insurance committee for their thoughtful and thorough work.

2026-2027 Budget Approval: Jana presented the 2026-2027 general fund budget with a plan to spend 97% of this year's income and continue our progress toward our goal of 90% of the last year's income spent by the year 2030.

A motion was made by Whitney and seconded by Samarah to approve the 2026-27 budget. The motion was carried unanimously.

Hub Projects: Katie presented a capital proposal to the council for improvements to the Hub that would improve the guest experience on the main level of the church. Upon approval, up to \$10,000 of Employee Retention Credit dollars would be used to fund the enhancement of the worship experience in the Hub, additional spotlights in the Worship Center, outdoor speakers, and the electrical work required for all projects.

A motion was made by Brian and seconded by Mark S. to approve the capital improvement recommendations and fund the improvements with up to \$10,000 of Employee Retention Credit dollars. Motion was carried unanimously.

Old Business: None

Top Three Takeaways:

- Financial Position & Generosity
- Appreciation for Adrian's Work as Next Gen Minister at Calvary
- Engagement at Calvary at the Lake

The council meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Following the meeting, the council moved into an executive session. The executive session adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

The next council meeting will be held on **July 20, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.**