



CALVARY CHURCH

Calvary Council Minutes July 20, 2026

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

Absent: Pastor Angie Larson

The council meeting was called to order by Brett Boyum at 6:04 pm.

All In Moments:

- Feed My Starving Children Food Packing Event - 101,088 bags of food & 600 people involved
- Safety Team Work - Medical event protocols were followed smoothly and effectively at a Calvary funeral
- Summer Attendance - Record numbers at worship and great participation in VBS
- Financial Generosity - Calvary is in great shape at fiscal year end
- Houseboat Trip - Appreciation from the participants living out lives of gratitude

Opening Prayer & Devotion: Pastor Hans led the group in devotion and prayer. The council reading was from Mark 2:1-12, Jesus heals the paralytic. The reading reminded us that the miracle almost didn't happen because of the crowd in the way, leaving no room. The council discussed the blessing of growth and the barriers of growth. What "roofs" need to be opened up so more know Jesus?

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of June Meeting
- Staff Reports
- Fund Approvals

The council reviewed the June 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:

June and Year-End Financials: Jana reported that Calvary's generosity trend continued through the end of the fiscal year. Total income for the year was 8.5% over budget, leaving us with a net capacity for ministry of \$96,585 at the close of the fiscal year. Expenses were 3% higher than budget.

An additional \$80,000 mortgage principal payment was made in June. Generosity towards Make Room has allowed us to pay additional principal payments throughout the year totalling \$265,000 for 2026, bringing our mortgage balance to \$2.5 M.

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

New Business:

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting will be on Wednesday, August 12th @ 6:00 p.m. The agenda for the meeting was outlined and includes worship times, staffing changes, Calvary's fiscal journey, mid-point of the Make Room Appeal, and council member candidate approval. The council candidates for the 2026-2027 fiscal year are Whitney Anderson, Brian Baustian, Brett Boyum, Mark Christenson, Samarah Hadley, Jeff Rodel, Mark Stromswold, and Cheryl Whitchurch.

A motion was made by Mark S. and seconded by Mark C. to approve the slate of council candidates as presented. The motion was carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Staffing Updates: Pastor Hans reviewed the Calvary staffing structure and reported on the staff review process. Katie R. and Pastor Hans completed a formalized review process with staff, focusing on engagement, clarity, and accountability.

Adrian's last day as Next Gen Minister at Calvary will be on August 2. An appreciation and recognition for his service will be observed that same day. Pastor Hans reported on the dynamics of youth and family ministry in the standard sizes of churches. Calvary will pause for research, surveying thriving churches of similar size for the purpose of creating a strategic plan for long-term sustainability for a Next Gen minister.

Kristin Notch resigned from her position as preschool director to take a position in the school district. In the interim, Katie R. will complete administrative tasks and preschool staff will take on the mentorship role. Before a new director is hired, a pause will be taken to strategically plan for long-term sustainability.

Fall Worship Schedule: Pastor Hans shared the results of the fall worship times survey. Council had conversation around 3 schedule options. The pros and adjustments for each option were discussed. The council gave their blessing for staff to move forward with scheduling three Sunday morning services in the fall.

Hub Projects: Katie updated the council on the Hub technology upgrades. The TV, indoor/outdoor speakers, and electrical work should all be in place for fall, enhancing the Hub worship experience.

Top Three Takeaways:

- New Worship Schedule
- Annual Meeting
- Growth Outcomes from Emphasis of Engagement

The council meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

The next council meeting will be held on **August 17, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.**