

Minutes are unapproved until the next Council meeting

COUNCIL MINUTES

July 17, 2019

List of attendees is attached

Call to Order – Review of Agenda: Larry Dávila, Co-Moderator, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Prayer Concerns/Celebrations of Church Family: Senior Pastor, Anne Scalfaro, reported about illnesses and celebrations within the church family and led in prayer.

Gathering Norms: Larry Dávila, Co-Moderator, led in the reading of Calvary Council Gathering Norms.

Approval of June Council Meeting Minutes: The Minutes from the Council Meeting held on June 19, 2019, were approved as written.

Church Highlights: The youth camp experience went well. The “I Am Calvary” forums have been very positive. The Vacation Bible School workday was successful. The Little Library will celebrate its third year anniversary on July 28 after worship. Linnea Nigro has been in charge of this well used library.

Financial Report: Virg Musil, Treasurer, went over the Statement of Activity by Month and the Budget vs Actuals. June income was positive. The music line item shows the cost of the new hymnals. This will zero out when individual members purchase books.

Committee Reports: Walter Rowell sent a report from the Nominating Committee regarding the appointment of a Safety Director. Chuck Newcom reviewed Calvary’s Safety and Security Plan and made a suggestion of a change on page 23 of the document.

Walter moved: “I move that the last sentence of page 23 of Calvary’s Safety and Security Plan, which is preceded by NOTE: be replaced by: “The ‘Description of Incident’ information on the Report should not state or attempt to describe the “cause” of an accident or incident. It should only describe the facts as to what happened which were observed by or described to the person completing the form.” There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Comstock has accepted the nomination by the Nominating Committee to serve as Safety Director for Calvary Baptist Church. Diana McGahan is willing to serve as the Administrative assistant. Walter moved: I, Walter Rowell, Chair of Calvary’s Nominating Committee, present the nomination of Jim Comstock for appointment as Safety Director for Calvary Baptist Church. Motion passed unanimously.

Ken DeHate, Resource Management, reported that the potholes in the parking lot are filled. The light pole is still not repaired. The parking lot will be sealed and striped in September. The church was given \$1,700 back from the \$7,000 bill due to water loss. The outside work and removal of wooden structures will be done August 12 – 23. All the broken glass will be replaced by the end of the month. The appeals process continues regarding the roof damage.

John Kron, Stewardship Committee, reported that plans are being made for the fall campaign. The theme will be I AM IN with weekly themes of I'm IN-vited, IN-spired, IN-volved, IN-vested, I'm IN. Personal thank you cards will be sent out in August to all who pledge in 2019. The committee is working on stewardship information to be sent out to the membership.

Pastor Alice Horner-Nelson reported that she plans to develop a marketing team to help with the many areas of marketing. See Marketing Ministry Team handout.

Pastor Morgan Fletcher reported that the Mission team will meet in August. Luran Bethell will retire at the end of 2020. Cindy DeHate and Robyn Warren will be stepping down from their Family Promise responsibilities at the end of the year. Bootstraps and Blessings has increased numbers this year. Showers and laundry facility are especially popular. Members need to be encouraged to shop at King Soopers and Safeway to earn funds for King Soopers cards and bus passes. Donations of peanut butter and snacks are always needed. An Affordable Housing Team will be formed in August. Twenty students went to youth camp. VBS is scheduled for July 29 – August 2. Another work day for VBS is scheduled for July 28. The theme is INTO THE WILD.

Baptist Affiliation(s): Pastor Anne led a conversation about our affiliation with American Baptist Churches of the Rocky Mountains (ABCRM) and whether that affiliation is the best fit for Calvary theologically. This is not the first time Council has discussed this matter in recent years. A summary of the information presented by Pastor Anne is set forth in the Addendum to these Minutes. Council discussed Calvary's relationship with ABCRM and two affiliation options that Pastor Anne had mentioned, which were affiliating with a more theologically-aligned American Baptist region such as Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches in the Northwest **OR** maintaining our ABCRM affiliation and adding a "sister Baptist" affiliation such as the Alliance of Baptists. Both of these options would maintain our American Baptist identity. A 6-page handout giving more information about these options was distributed to those present at this Council meeting, and that handout also is attached to these Minutes. Council has been asked to prayerfully consider these options and to carefully review the handout for additional Council conversation at a subsequent Council meeting. Any decision Calvary makes about our affiliation would be a congregational discussion, and in the case of a change or addition, would require a congregational vote. (See "Options for American Baptist Churches USA affiliation" handout AND "Changing ABC-USA Regions and/or Dual Affiliation with ABC-USA and the Alliance of Baptists" addendum)

What are you hearing? Unity of Message: Gordon Kieft reported that a new training program for Stephen Ministers will be offered with Jennifer Jonell who participated in the national Stephen Ministry training for leaders last year.

Next Council meeting will be on August 21, 2019

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margareta Jonell
Church Secretary