

Minutes are unapproved until the next Council meeting

COUNCIL MINUTES
May 15, 2019

List of attendees is attached. Guests in attendance were: Corry Doty, Bob and Rita Horner (parents of Pastor Alice), Earlene and Carl Ramay, David Crane, Beth Dickinson, Bill and Robyn Warren, Jacob Goertz, Gary Diffendaffer

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

Prayer Concerns/Celebrations of Church Family: Pastor Morgan Fletcher, reported about illnesses and celebrations within the church family.

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

Approval of August Council Meeting Minutes: The Minutes from the Council Meeting held on April 24, 2019, were approved as written.

Church Highlights: Pastor Morgan reported that the breakfast burrito fundraiser brought in \$1,000 for camp scholarships. The first meeting of Jacob Goertz’s ordination committee was held yesterday.

Financial Report: Virg Musil, Treasurer, went over the Statement of Activity by Month and the Profit and Loss Budget Performance. We need to remain vigilant over the summer months to stay within the budget.

Committee Reports: Ken DeHate, Resource Management chair, reported that there was a gas leak in the furnace last week. The cost for Xcel’s emergency fee was \$1,300. Recent water bills have been significantly higher than usual. Denver Water found a leak under the kitchen bathroom (greater than 5 gallons per minute). The water has been shut off and the bathroom is locked. Repairs have not been made yet.

Pastor Alice Horner-Nelson reported that the Gathering is going well. Banners for the Gathering and for Pride Festival have been ordered.

Pastor Morgan Fletcher reported on the following:

- Pastor Mary Hulst will celebrate VIP’s (Very Inspired Persons) with a luncheon on Pentecost, June 9. Calvary has 14 nonagenarian persons (over 90 years of age).
- Angela Leonard has scheduled Vacation Bible School from July 29-August 2, from 9:00 AM–12:00 PM in the East wing.
- Pride Festival will be held at Civic Park on June 15–16.
- The final session of “Yes and” using the book, God, Improv and the Art of Living will be held on May 21 in the Youth Lounge.
- The New Baptist Covenant was signed at New Hope Baptist Church on May 12.
- Emails about council connections will be sent this week as a reminder to report on what we are hearing from various groups in the congregation.
- Students will be leaving for Green Lake on June 15. Overnight stay will be at First Baptist Church in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Interfaith Alliance of CO: Larry reminded Council members of Robert's Rules of Order before the discussion began. Sharon Murphy moved that Council approve formation of a Dream Team to study whether Calvary might possibly explore affordable housing development on Calvary property through the Congregation Land Campaign facilitated by Interfaith Alliance of Colorado. Rick Breitenbecher seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Areas of concern mentioned: What are our long term goals for Calvary? Where will Calvary be in ten years with our current demographics? Our parking lot is needed for current congregation and rental usage. A Dream Team requires 5-6 volunteers and 1/3 of a staff member's time. Volunteerism is down even for current programs like Family Promise.

Calvary needs to have financial stability without taking on more responsibility.

The general consensus in Council is that affordable housing is a great need, but it may not be something that we are able to work with right now. Should we instead become more involved in programs that already exist, such as MetroCaring, Habitat for Humanity, Family Promise, Bootstraps and Blessings or join other groups that do their jobs well? The Dream Team is a commitment of time and money and may be something we can't fulfill.

A vote was taken and the motion was defeated unanimously.

What are you hearing? Unity of Message: Someone asked what the status is with the hymn books. They are on order but the company only prints these books twice a year. The church fiscal year discussion is ongoing. Pastor Anne and the stewardship committee are working on this. A leader for the Safety and Security Plan needs to be identified to carry out that plan.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Next Council meeting will be on June 19, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Margareta Jonell
Church Secretary