

Minutes are unapproved until the next Council meeting

COUNCIL MINUTES  
September 18, 2019

List of attendees is attached. Lori Grohskopf was in attendance.

**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, deaths 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 August Council Meeting Minutes:** The Minutes from the Council Meeting held on August 21, 2019, were approved as written.

**Building Usage:** Lori Grohskopf, Operations and Administrative Coordinator, reported on Calvary's alternative income streams. From January 1 through September, 2019, \$71,434.10 has been received. Building usage also has expenses of \$3,500 to \$5,000 per year for sound techs, coffee, rental of items, electricity, etc. Funds have been used for large maintenance projects such as work on the exterior of the building, removal of wooden screens, painting, downspouts, cracked ceilings and installation of the mini air conditioning units in the east wing. Priorities are evaluated as funds are made available. Future needs include mending sidewalks, installing rock around the periphery of the building and installing new blinds. \$7,500 has been transferred to the General Operating Budget. The Resource Management budget covers the regular maintenance of the building, including utility costs and breakage. The parking blocks in the handicap parking lot have been removed to make snow removal easier. Lori thanked Ken DeHate for the many hours that he spends at Calvary doing maintenance work.

**Church Highlights:** Gathering Sunday was a great day. The choir, under David Farwig's direction, has been spectacular. Nathan Goodman did a great job on the drums. Participating in Bible study via Zoom has been a positive experience. Several long-time members have passed away and their lives have been celebrated. A group of seven men participated in a mission work week in Minnesota. A new women's group has been formed and will have its first meeting on September 27. The GPS writing group with Pastor Alice has been a positive experience.

**Financial Report:** Virg Musil, Treasurer, reported that finances looked good in August. He went over the Statement of Activity by Month, which showed that pledges were up, and expenses were down. Virg also went over the Profit and Loss Budget.

**Committee Reports:** Pastor Alice Horner-Nelson has implemented new welcome bags for first-time visitors. The Marketing Ministry Team, made up of Pastor Alice, Denise Wylde and Deanna Geldens, will meet soon. The Gathering is going well but Pastor Alice needs more support from members, both in attendance and helping with set-up and other tasks.

Pastor Anne reported that the Stedman reading program will start soon on an every-other-week schedule.

Pastor Morgan Caruthers sent the following information: The church school showcase on Gathering Sunday was well attended. Missionary Luran Bethell will be coming in October. Bootstraps and Blessings continues to have increased numbers. They are in need of peanut butter for the To-Go bags. A dinner dance will be held on November 9.

**Baptist Affiliation(s):** After a discussion of what it means to be affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA, ABC Rocky Mountains, the Evergreen Region and the Alliance of Baptists, the Council gave approval for Pastor Anne to explore Calvary's affiliations. Pastor Anne will contact Rev. Steve Van Ostran, Executive Minister of ABCRM, to begin conversations. She will also contact people who are currently working closely with ABCRM, or have done so in the past, to determine next steps for Calvary. In addition, Pastor Anne will contact the Executive Minister of Evergreen Association, Doug Avilesbernal, to find out about Evergreen and to see what is entailed in potentially being a member of their region, should Calvary want to explore that route further.

**What are you hearing? Unity of Message:** John Kron has asked Pastor Alice to produce a video for the Stewardship campaign to show how Calvary members are involved in various aspects of our church. Walter Rowell reported that the Nominating Committee has already begun their work for a new slate of officers.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM,

Next Council meeting will be on October 16, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Margareta Jonell  
Church Secretary