

Minutes are unapproved until the next Council meeting

COUNCIL MINUTES
December 19, 2018

List of attendees is attached. Virg Musil was also in attendance.

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

Church Family Concerns/Celebrations, Prayer, Distribution of this month's prayer cards: Senior Pastor, Anne Scalfaro, reported about illnesses, deaths and celebrations within the church family.

Gathering Norms: Sharon Murphy, Co-Moderator, led in the reading of Calvary Council Gathering Norms.

Approval of November Council Meeting Minutes: The Minutes from the Council Meeting held on November 14, 2018, were approved as written.

Church Highlights: The choir Christmas program was well received. Thanks to Larry Dávila's for his solo. Our pastors, Anne, Morgan, and Alice, have preached meaningful sermons with the "Yes.....and" theme.

Financial Reports: John Kron made a motion that a \$1,000 bequest from Nancy Mitchell's Estate be used to pay for a portion of the new sound system in Fellowship Hall. Seconded by David Ferguson. The motion carried. The remainder of the cost, \$11,983.75, will come from the Resource Management Operating Budget. (See handout)

Cindy Ponikvar, Treasurer, went over the Statement of Activity by Month and the Profit and Loss Budget Performance. We are hopeful to have some year-end gifts to meet all expenses for 2018. (See handouts)

Pastor Anne Scalfaro informed Council of the good news that Calvary will be the devisee of real property that will be left to us in a will. The person who is leaving this property to us is still living, so the date of receiving this property is unknown. Anne and Accountant Luwan Jones have been working with an advisor on this issue and we recommend funding a reserve of \$7,000 a year so that we are able to maintain this asset in the future without financial burden to Calvary at that time. This will be an internal transfer of funds into a restricted account for this future purpose. The congregation will be informed of this at the Annual Congregational meeting and will vote on this action as part of the overall proposed budget.

Staff, Committee and Team Reports: Stewardship: Pastor Anne Scalfaro is pleased with the number of new and increased pledges for 2019. However we still have a ways to go and are hoping more pledge cards come in! The budget reconciliation team will meet in January. (See handout)

The Reading Partners program with New Hope Baptist Church will begin on January 11 at Stedman Elementary School with 12 Calvary volunteers and 14 from New Hope. Pastor

Anne and Pastor Eugene Downing of New Hope will be key note speakers at the ABHMS session at the American Baptist Convention Biennial in 2019.

Pastor Morgan Fletcher reported that the youth trip in June, 2019, will be to Green Lake, Wisconsin. Several fundraisers will be held in the spring. The current youth schedule is Church School on the first and third Sundays, and ABY on the second and fourth Sundays. Off-site activities and retreats draw the most interest from the youth.

Pastor Morgan reported that Lorene Walker has signed up to work on the Mission Team with Gordon Kieft. Bootstraps and Blessings will hold a Thanksgiving dinner on January 21, Martin Luther King day, at First Baptist Church. Pat Hagan will take over leadership of Bootstraps and Blessings after Mary Hulst in January.

Pastor Alice Horner-Nelson is working on the quarterly newsletter and website. The Gathering will be on Saturday, December 22. She is serving as the interim head of the Membership Team in place of Garland Thurman. The directory will be completed around March. Annual reports are due to Pastor Alice by January 6.

Ken DeHate reported for Resource Management that the Fellowship Hall sound system is completed. Phase 1 of landscaping is completed. An HVAC pump broke for a total cost of \$6,000. Carpet cleaning in the sanctuary and Pastor Anne's office will take place next week and the thermal fog treatment will be done on December 27.

Co-Moderator, Sharon Murphy, added the following statement from the Columbarium Board: Corry Doty, Chair of the Columbarium Board, provided the following written report: Changes to the Statement of Policies and Procedures in the Columbarium purchase documents were approved by Council on October 17, 2018. The Columbarium Board is also required to approve changes to the Statement of Policies and Procedures and related documents. The members of the Columbarium Board reviewed the updated documents, and approval of the changes was completed on November 15, 2018.

The Nominating Committee has a partial slate. The full slate will be emailed to Council members by two weeks before the Annual Congregational Meeting.

Sandra Shreve and Gordon Kieft would like to meet with Pastor Alice about the EUT document before bringing it to Council.

A Council retreat is scheduled for February 2.

What are you hearing, and How Are You Responding? Denise Lanning's name was left out of the Christmas choir program.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Next Council Meeting: January 16, 2019.

Calvary's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on January 30, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Margareta Jonell
Church Secretary