

Calvary Baptist Church of Denver
Council Minutes
May 19, 2021
on Zoom

Present: Jim Armstrong, Rick Breitenbecher, Mick Davey, John Kron, Sharon Murphy, Virg Musil, David Peterson, Walter Rowell, Lorene Walker, Bill Warren, Norma Wick, Becky Worford, Christine Zeiler **Staff:** Senior Pastor Anne Scalfaro, Pastor Morgan Fletcher, Pastor Alice Horner Nelson

Call to Order and Review of Agenda

Co-Moderator Sharon Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:31p.m. (MDT)

Prayer List

Pastor Alice reported on celebrations, illnesses, funerals & interments within our church family. She closed in prayer.

Approval of the April 21 Minutes

There was a correction in the Stewardship Report. The minutes should read: the committee was working on Two Shots for Budget Immunity. Later in this same report the minutes should say that the committee is hoping that this campaign will increase income due to a number of factors, including the reduced number of pre-paid pledges this year. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Financial Report

Virg Musil, Treasurer, sent each Council Member the following three documents: Statement of Activity, Budget vs. Actuals and a copy of a proposal for use of funds from a previous bequest.

Statement of Activity:

- **Pledge Income** for the month of April increased from the month of March by more than \$17,500.
- **Other Offerings** were down from that received in March by \$1,530.
- As Virg noted last month, the entire amount of the original PPP loan was recorded as **Earned Income** in the month of March, so the net difference between March and April is significant.
- As a result, **Total Revenue** for the month of April was down by more than \$65,200 from that received in March.
- **Total Expenses** for the month were \$17,400 less than what was incurred in March, primarily due to a significant drop in recording of Resource Management expenses.
- Subtracting Total Expenses from Total Revenue results in a positive **Net Operating Revenue** of \$20,947 for the month of April, and about \$70,500 year-to-date.
- However, keep in mind that the year-to-date number includes the entire value of the original PPP Loan (or Grant) as recorded in March.
- Most of the large income reflected in **Temporarily Restricted Income** is a result of an insurance payment received of more than \$69,000 for the damage resulting from the bursting of frozen pipes in the lower level.

Budget vs Actual:

- **Pledge Receipts** for the month were \$16,000 above budget, and are now \$9,800 above budget year-to-date.
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- **Other Offerings** for the month were a little more than \$2,000 below budget, and are now \$4,500 below budget year-to-date.
- **Total Revenue** for the month of April \$74,657 was above the budgeted amount of \$55,942, and is \$95,600 above the budget year-to-date. Again, the year-to-date number includes the entire original PPP Loan (or Grant), so our income may appear somewhat skewed at this point in the year, even though we did anticipate this and budgeted for it.
- **Total Expenses** for the month were \$25,560 below budget, and are a little more than \$40,900 below budget year-to-date.
- Subtracting Total Expenditures from Total Revenue, Calvary shows a positive **Net Operating Revenue** for the month of \$44, 275 when compared to the budget, and a positive Net Operating Revenue for
- the year of \$136,500 when compared to the budget.
- There was a question about Earned Income in the Statement of Activity report. The majority of the \$4,310. amount shown represents an anonymous gift for refurbishing the handbells. There was another question about the pledging and the differences in the amounts recorded. Senior Pastor Anne and Virg explained the differences and how they are recorded.

Proposal regarding a bequest

Virg reported that the Finance Committee approved a request that the remaining \$1,000.00 from Nancy Mitchell's bequest funds be used to finance Vacation Bible School. Virg made the following motion:

Upon recommendation of the Finance Committee, I move that the request to transfer the remaining \$1,000.00 from the the Nancy Mitchell bequest into the 2021 budget be approved, and the funds be used for expenses related to Vacation Bible School.

The Council approved this motion.

Region Affiliation Update

Rick Breitenbecher, Co-Moderator, reported that Brenda Goodman from the congregation will serve on the Discernment Team. Dave Ferguson, Erin Gangloff, and Walter Rowell from the Council will also serve on the Team. Rick thanked the Council Members for their willingness to serve. The Executive Committee is hoping they might recruit one more from the congregation to serve as well. It is hoped the Team can start in the next few weeks. Senior Pastor Anne said the pastoral staff will preach on the sermon series "Free to Be" this summer. Pastor Morgan has found facilitators for the Tuesday night Zoom presentations this summer including some guests, who will also follow-up on this topic. Senior Pastor Anne hopes that Council will participate in the Tuesday Night Zoom Presentations.

Building Arrangements Update

Senior Pastor Anne Scalfaro reported now that Denver County is on the Level Clear there are no restrictions on limiting the number of people in a building, social distancing, and no masks necessary. However, Calvary will require masks for volunteers, who will be working with children as they are not able to be vaccinated yet. .

On June 6 Calvary will open— 10:00 a.m. Coffee in Fellowship Hall with traditional worship service at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary and at 4:45 p.m. coffee will be in the Narthex and the Contemporary Worship Service will begin at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

There will be no church school, but the nursery will be open for children pre-K and under. Nursery workers will need to wear masks and be fully vaccinated.

Pastor Alice is creating red, yellow and green stickers people can place on their name tags for anyone wanting to continue the practice for personal reasons. These stickers will explain how to greet each other. A red tag means to keep 6 ft social distancing, a yellow sticker means to greet with an elbow tap, and a green sticker means one accepts hugs.

Faith Formation

Pastor Morgan asked each Council member to think of a joy this past year they experienced during the time the building was closed with distanced ministry. What may your celebrations have been?

Here are the celebrations and joys mentioned:

Can celebrate taking down the “ We Miss You Calvary” sign that members were given last summer

The creativity of the pastoral staff during the online worship services to name just a few—Pastor Alice’s announcements, Senior Pastor Anne’s sermons with the many costumes & using the dominoes and Pastor Morgan putting together a paper quilt

Buster, the stuffed monkey’s videos

Celebrating how the congregation has stayed together this past year when they couldn’t be together in person

The Tuesday Night Gatherings on Zoom with all the creativity

Mary Todd, and Molly, (Pastor Alice’s cats) and Deacon (Pastor Anne’s dog)

Thankful for Zoom, which has helped keep the congregation connected and the support of Calvary’s friends and family

Calvary’s financial generosity and the new givers that worship online

The expansion of our vision of what the church is

The new opportunities that God has given this past year

The Pastoral Staff, who reached out to the congregation and welcomed input to the online services and the congregation checking with each other

For the many people throughout the country and even a couple in England, who have found Calvary’s Worship services online

Jack and Pastor Mary Hulst who kept the VIP’s in communication and giving them the support of what was happening at Calvary and letting them know they were not forgotten

People felt connected and the connections are still happening

The gospel in our community grew

Pastor Morgan closed in prayer.

Church Highlights

The replay of the Men’s Chorus singing at an online service

The Blessings given to the Fletcher Family and to Becky Worford at the May 15 Parking Lot Service. They were meaningful, felt blessed, and so appreciated.

A thank you to Damon Scalfaro, Bill Warren, Tom Madden and our sound techs for helping run sound and live-stream church services.

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Committee Reports

Mick Davey, Staff Relations

The committee was pleased with the Card Shower and gifts to the Fletcher Family at the parking lot service on May 15.

The committee will launch a meal train for the Fletchers in the immediate future.

Senior Pastor Anne reported that Owen Honeycutt, who has been living in the apartment at Calvary, has graduated from college and will be moving to Kentucky to be with family.

Charles Hillig, who is Calvary's custodian, will move into the apartment in mid to late June to help with set-ups.

Walter Rowell, Nominating Committee

There are no nominations at this time.

John Kron, Stewardship Committee

The campaign for Two Shots for Budget Immunity has been completed. The Second Shot for Budget Immunity was the weekend on May 15. Since they have just completed the campaign they don't have an exact amount of how much money the campaign raised. The committee is hoping this has increased the number of people giving in this campaign.

Bill Warren, Resource Management

The committee has just completed changing 75 light bulbs in the church and the Youth Lounge has been painted. They have also done some other needed projects in the building.

The flooding repair has had some problems in acquiring carpet for the east wing. There may need to be some adjustments as to how people will operate in that wing once the church is open.

The floor tiles in the children's area in the east wing, the two bathrooms, small kitchen and hallway have asbestos in them so asbestos removal will need to be done, which is very expensive.

The committee is working on improving lighting in the Sanctuary

Ministry Team Reports and Staff Updates

Pastor Alice

Things are going well for opening June 6 for a worship service. Postcards are being sent to everyone about the June 6 Worship Service and it is especially important for VIP's to receive that information.

The Gathering will be offering childcare but participants will need to make a reservation beginning June 6.

She is meeting with Marketing Ministry next week about how to communicate to the community about Calvary. They will be working on what to place on the kiosk in the Narthex—visitor bags, how to use the hybrid on-line options, new brochures, gift cards, connect with us cards, etc.

They will also be working on Pew Cards and Prayer Cards, which will be placed in the hymn racks..

Things are going very well at the Gathering.

She is so appreciative of Bill Warren, Tom Madden, Deborah Carlson, and Gaye Stanley for all the help they have given for the Gathering

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Pastor Morgan

The all-ages church groups will now be called small groups

Many of the small groups have been meeting on Zoom during the past year or in backyards or parks

In-person small groups will return this fall

Ribbons may still continue to meet on Saturdays on Zoom

The Tuesday Gathering on Zoom will take the place of the All-Ages Forum for the summer

Bill Warren is continuing to get cameras in place for the use of hybrid on-line

Diana McCahan and Deanna Geldens are working on the Faith Formation Survey and will help people find a small group.

Fifty people will be helping cover Morgan's responsibilities while she is on Parental Leave

The paper quilt is finished and will be on display June 6.

Senior Pastor Anne

The Pastoral Planning Meetings went well.

She is doing a number of Memorial Services and Interments during the month of June, which is keeping her very busy.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be taken in June.

Bootstraps and Blessings will be opening to full services in June including laundry and showers.

Ian Fletcher is writing a grant to get some new washers and dryers, which will be used for

Bootstraps and Blessings if we get the grant. **NOTE:** Unfortunately, the church was notified after this meeting that Calvary did not get the grant.

Family Promise Co-Coordinator, Denise Wylde and Debbie Honeker will be asking for items they will need for Family Promise Families.

She has met with Pastor Downing regarding some shared activities with Calvary this summer.

New Hope is participating in Parks & Recreation doing hikes in and around Denver and in the foothills. This may be how Calvary will partner with New Hope this summer for more relationship building.

There will be more to come regarding Stedman Elementary—the money for the book drive was successful and Calvary will be seeking volunteers for the reading program at Stedman in the fall.

On Monday, May 31, Corry Doty and volunteers from her committee will have the Foot of the Cross Courtyard open and people are invited from 9:00 - 5:00 p.m. to visit and visitors may bring remembrance flowers.

People also may visit the Courtyard during the week from June 1-5

Announcements are being given before the on-line worship service and also before the Gathering begins each week. Once back in the Sanctuary they will be shown on a screen in Fellowship Hall and Narthex before the service begins as well as in the Sanctuary.

Wrap-up and Adjourn

Co-Moderator Sharon said Council may try hybrid on-line but for now we will continue on Zoom. **Our next meeting will be June 16, 2021.** The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Wick, Council Secretary