Minutes are unapproved until the next Council meeting

COUNCIL MINUTES

July 18, 2018

List of attendees is attached

**Call to Order – Review of Agenda:** Larry Dávila, Co-Moderator, called the meeting to order at 6:32PM.

**Prayer Concerns/Celebrations of Church Family:**. Senior Pastor, Anne Scalfaro, reported about illnesses, new jobs, youth mission trips, and celebrations within the church family.

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

**Approval of Minutes**: The Minutes from the Council Meeting held on June 20, 2018, were approved with two changes in the paragraph “Calvary Landscape Renewal”. Corrected copies were handed out.

**Church Highlights:** The “I am Calvary” forums have been well received; new visitors appreciate the worship service; Rick Breitenbecher’s testimony on Sunday; skill of visiting organists during interim period has been very good; youth posting on Facebook about their mission experiences; the office makeover is completed.

**Financial Report:** Cindy Ponikvar, Treasurer, went over Statement of Activity by Month. (See handout) Gordon Kieft asked for a report of building usage income and expenditures. Cindy will bring a report from January through July to next Council meeting. Financial information is provided in the Order of Worship. Many members have indicated appreciation for this.

**Staff and Committee Reports:** Pastor Anne Scalfaro gave Pastor Alice Horner-Nelson’s report that the monthly alternative service, “The Gathering”, will begin on August 25 at 5 PM.

Pastor Anne also gave Pastor Morgan Fletcher’s report. A training around the issues of safety, security, and hospitality to vulnerable populations will be held on Saturday, September 22, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. The training, *Extending Hospitality to Vulnerable Populations* will be led by Alix Midgley (Homeless Liaison, Department of Regional Affairs – Adams County with Metro Denver Homeless Initiative) and EJ Becker (Homeless Programs Director for Aurora Mental Health). Thirty people will be invited to attend the first session. Staff, Council members, ushers, Bootstraps workers, and office helpers will be the first to attend. Other trainings will take place as needed.

Gordon Kieft, of the Mission Team, announced that July 29 will feature the Bolick’s from Chile.

Pastor Anne Scalfaro handed out a proposal to form a Stewardship Committee. (See handout) John Kron made a motion that we accept this proposal with some additional refinement. Seconded by Norma Wick. The motion was passed unanimously.

This discussion brought up the idea to reinstate committees for different ministry areas such as Christian Education, Missions, etc.

Pastor Anne announced for Staff Relations that the interim music staff will be thanked on August 12. On August 19 a welcome reception will be held for the new Music Director, David Farwig, and Organist, Denise Lanning.

Garland Thurman of the Membership Team is pleased with their progress. Pew pads have been ordered for Gathering Sunday, September 9.

**EUT** – At the April Council meeting, Gordon Kieft and Sandra Shreve distributed the EUT Action Plan Evaluation from Vision 20/20. Pastor Anne Scalfaro added comments in red. (See handout) In reviewing the document, it is evident that many of the items are either being worked on or have already taken place. Some of the topics that were discussed in Council were:

-The new software, Servant Keeper, will be an asset especially in the area of Gifts and Needs.

-There may be a need to develop a curriculum around the meaning of covenant. John Kron and Libby Johnson have developed such a curriculum for Koinonia class.

-Reinstating prayer partners.

-Work on intergenerational relationships.

-Setting up a community garden. Lorene Walker will meet with Pastor Morgan and

Urban Gardens in August.

 -Consider having a MOPS program at Calvary.

-Having a Calvary person of the month on line or part of ENews.

-Have regular “Dinners for 8” events.

-Need to have a bullet-point presentation about what has been done in EUT.

Another handout from Gordon and Sandra, “Three current priorities recommended by EUT Evaluation Committee” outlines Welcoming, Gifts and Needs, and Music and Worship. This information will be given to church members through ENews or some other form of communication. Sandra and Gordon will put together a draft with input from staff. This report was adopted by consensus.

**Policies and Procedures:** This will be on the agenda at the August Council meeting.

**Budget Calendar Shift:** At the Congregational Annual Meeting in January 2018, the question was raised about switching the budget to a fiscal calendar, which could mean the fiscal year would probably be from July 1 to June 30. If that change is made, it would affect the current timing/format of Stewardship and Budget planning. The change could take up to two years to implement. This will be discussed further.

**What Are You Hearing? Unity of Message:** The congregation members that Council has heard from seem to be satisfied with the results of the worship time survey.

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

**Next Council Meeting:** August 15, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Margareta Jonell

Church Secretary