



**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 27, 2019 - 9:30AM**

The meeting was called to order by President Sarah Suchy. Pastor Hans led us in prayer. President Suchy then certified a quorum, with 178 members present. Marc Sugden was appointed Parliamentarian.

Sarah Suchy shared her report as Council Chairperson, looking back at the growth in 2018.

Pastor Hans shared the process that Calvary has been going through while searching for an Executive Pastor. He asked that we pray for this process to be successful and that God will continue to raise up those at Calvary who are interested in ministry.

Chris Worley reported on the Endowment Fund, which over the years has given more than \$600,000 to worthy causes. He encouraged us to consider this fund when we do estate planning.

Alicia Bertram shared an update and recommendation from the Building Planning Team.

Sarah Suchy read the ballot, as follows:

I approve of the Resolution of the Members of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church of Alexandria, Minnesota Regarding Building Planning Team Recommendations.

- Approve the current concepts.
- Authorize Council to spend no more than \$85,000.00 to continue the Congregation's work with JLG Architects, complete necessary soil testing, and contract with an audio/visual consultant and a financial appeal coach. These expenses will be funded with some of the \$185,000 already given by members specifically for this project.
- Authorize the Building Planning Team to interview and select a builder solution to assist in refining project costs.
- Authorize the Financial Feasibility Team to continue its work of preparing for a potential financial appeal to raise the funds and/or pledges to support the project during the summer and fall of 2019.
- Authorize the Congregation Council to convene a special Congregation Meeting in May 2019 to report on refined cost estimates and to seek the congregation's

approval of the commencement of an appeal during the summer and fall of 2019.

_____Yes _____No

Motion was made by Sam Steidl and seconded by Matt Good to accept the recommendation of the BPT. Time was given for discussion and questions. Two people shared a comment. The vote was taken and ballots were collected.

Bruce Luehmann shared comments on the Treasurer's Report and the 2019 Budget via video. He stated that Calvary is in a strong financial position. There was one question regarding the budget. Motion was made by Tom Jacobson and seconded by Chris Kleven to accept the Financial Report. Motion carried.

Sarah Suchy shared the nominations for the 2019 Council: *Sarah Suchy, Marc Sugden, Jana Berndt, Tyler Geyen, Deb Dittberner, Kathy Hungness, Jennifer Rentz, Bonnie Schnell*. Motion was made by Russ Pederson and seconded by Brent Iserman to approve the nominations. Motion carried.

The result of the vote was shared: YES 165; NO 27. President Suchy reminded us of our next Congregational Meeting, which will be held May 19, 2019 for another vote on the Building Project. She also thanked the congregation for their support while she has been President.

Motion made by Elaine Larson, seconded by Sandy Buckner to adjourn. President Suchy declared the meeting adjourned.