



*"Calvary's mission is to lead all people to a lifelong faith in Jesus Christ."*

<b>WORSHIP</b>	<b>CONNECT</b>	<b>SERVE</b>
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Unapproved Council Minutes October 16, 2018

**Members present:** Pastor Hans, Katie Rentschler, Jennifer Rentz, Bonnie Schnell, Bruce Luehmann, Deb Moorman, Marc Sugden, Tyler Geyen, Dave Ahlquist, Mike Svobodny, Deb Dittberner,

**Members absent:** Sarah Suchy, Olivia Kopp, Brooke Zabel, Jana Berndt, Brent Iserman

Miriam Svobodny from the Building Leadership Team gave an update. She shared that some things have been scaled back, but that the top priorities of the congregation were still in the plan. A document is being designed that would give the history of the building project, what they heard in their listening sessions this past summer, and their response. In addition to congregational meetings (found in New Business), the team will plan a type of "Open House" following these meetings where people will be able to have additional questions answered.

Adam Barnett of JLG Architects then showed the update of the building and it was discussed.

Special thanks to Miriam and all on the team for their many hours of work!

Pastor Hans led us in prayer. Marc Sugden, Vice President, called the meeting to order. There was one item added to New Business.

### **STRENGTHENING OUR MISSION AND VISION FOR MINISTRY**

**Worship:** The fall theme has been "We Can Do More Together." October emphasized our stewardship appeal.

Upcoming worship series will be built around "The Almost Christian Things We Say." The Advent theme is "God With Us"

Two events to note which will be held at Gathered Oaks: "Kids and Carols" December 9 at 2:00 for families and "Carols and Cocktails" on December 14 at 7:00 pm for adults.

Christmas services: Wednesday prior - a Christmas Eve preview - for those who will be out of town over Christmas; Sunday evening - (no morning services) a Christmas Eve service; Monday - 5 Christmas Eve services.

**Connect:** There has been a great response for Connect groups.

Kids and Students ministries have been using the Orange curriculum. There has been

positive feedback from both leaders and families.

Next Steps: There will be 36 new members joining Calvary.

**Serve:** LWR emphasis last weekend: mission kits, 550 quilts, our connection with Bihar, India.

## SUPPORTING OUR MISSION AND VISION

**Consent Agenda:** Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the Consent Agenda. This consisted of September meeting minutes, staff reports and fund approvals. Fund requests included money for JLG Architects for designing, yarn for baptismal blankets, and Radach Land Surveying for building project.

### **Old Business:**

**Staffing:** The search for an Executive Pastor continues. At this time, five candidates are being looked at. Feedback is that pastors get excited when they read our job description, but are reluctant to move.

### **New Business:**

The Building Planning Team will hold congregational meetings as follows:

Nov. 10 at 4:45 pm

Nov. 11 at 9:30 am

Nov. 14 at 7:00 pm

Nov. 18 at 9:30 am

Council members are asked to attend as many as possible. The target date for a vote is the end of January, but it doesn't have to be then. Our constitution says that you must be present at the meeting to vote. Passing takes a simple majority. 75 members must be present for a quorum.

The Feasibility Team has reached 60-70 families. We've made a commitment to no mortgage.

We discussed tithing to the Endowment Fund. After much discussion, the council made a recommendation to the Financial Feasibility Team that around 5% be designated to Endowment. They will discuss this at their meeting.

Added to the agenda was a council get-together to process the changes that are and have been taking place at Calvary. This will take place on October 29 at 5:00 pm at Calvary.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bruce shared the September financials and how the 2019 Stewardship Appeal is going. Motion was made, seconded and carried to approved the Treasurer's Report.

The meeting was adjourned. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Council Meeting Dates:**

November 13, 2018 6:00 - 7:30 (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month) at Brooke's

December 11, 2018 6:00 - 7:30 (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month) at Mike's

**Executive Meeting:** November 7 at 3:30 at Calvary