

CALVARY COUNCIL FEBRUARY 9, 2010 and Special February 24 Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER – at 6:35 P.M. by Vice President Holley Arvig with the following Council members present: Holley Arvig, Scott Bjerke, Craig Johnson, David Geiszler, Duane Lysne, Linda Mickelson, Cindy Hurt, Pr. Phil Holtan and Lyn Arntson. Also present: Shirley Pauna.

II. DEVOTIONS – Devotions and Prayer were lead by Craig Johnson

III. OFFICERS' REPORTS

a. *Secretary's Reports – Lyn Arntson*
1. *January 12 Council Meeting*

***ACTION:** David Geiszler moved to approve, Craig Johnson seconded the motion to approve the minutes from January 12th meeting, motion passed unanimously.*

2. *January 31 Annual Meeting (#2)*

***ACTION:** David Geiszler moved to approve, Craig Johnson seconded the motion to approve the minutes from January 31st Annual meeting, motion passed unanimously.*

b. *Treasurer's Report – Randy Graham unable to attend. Shirley Pauna reviewed Income and Expense Summary – see handout.*

***ACTION:** Duane Lysne moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Cindy Hurt seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.*

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Brief Committee Updates

Council needs to approve only if there is a request to spend more money than they were budgeted.

Education: Scott Bjerke

They have 2 new members to this committee. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 6-9.

Evangelism: Craig Johnson

\$339 last month – they gave \$200 to TWIGS.

Personnel: David Geiszler

Nothing to Report

Property: Duane Lysne

The Narthex and the Office areas have been painted, accomplished over 3 Saturdays or so. The annual review of insurance is due soon, will review with the agent. Some environment issues happening with ice on the roof will have to deal with. No major projects going on at this time.

Social Ministry: Holley Arvig

Money taken out of the Pharmacy Fund is paid back in many instances. LSS gives a Servant of Christ award. Reg Hansen filled out the application and we were awarded the award! Most likely it will be presented to the Congregation in April.

Stewardship: Jim Nordbeck

Unable to attend – no report

Worship: Linda Mickelson

Wednesday night worship discussed. See handout and ‘Discussion Items.’

Youth & Family: Cindy Hurt

New members x 2 added. Lenten Services start Feb 17.

President: Kitty Krueger/Holley Arvig

Nothing to report

Pastor: Philip Holtan

Congregation Survey Committee started meeting. They are looking at five weaknesses but combining them into 3 parts: Spirituality, Welcoming New Members & Sharing our Faith, and Belonging & Participation. They will be doing a presentation to the council in May or when seems appropriate. Terry Hepola is the Chair, along with Pam Hanson, Jennifer Ditterich, Mark Raby, Hans Larson, and Pastor Holtan. They will meet weekly for a few months and then be done.

Office: Shirley Pauna/Sue Delaney

The web site was moved to a safer server.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. *Gifts and Ministries Position* Pastor Holtan reported – a strong candidate declined the position. It will be advertised. This candidate should know the congregation. It’s a 14 hour a week job. We’re to keep our eyes and ears open for potential candidates and encourage him/her to apply.

b. *Environmental Task Force* See handout. Rob McNair is heading the Task Force. The process reviewed. Sub committees forming. Preliminary issues reviewed.

c. *Parish Nurse* Holley expressed we need to keep this up. We need someone with a MN license. This is a non paid, volunteer position. They will be discussing the recruiting next week.

d. *Wednesday Evening Worship* See handout. Linda Mickelson discussed the “why” – i.e.: people work weekends, people go out of town. Schedules on Wednesday could include a light dinner, church, and confirmation. Plans are to start after Lenten services and go at least until mid-summer. Will be called the 3rd service, only condensed. Music will hopefully be the Praise Team. Service will be the same as the previous Sunday. May also present some educational opportunities. Just a few extra costs would be involved. We’re ready to go on to the next steps. Discussion on how this would affect different areas, such as confirmation, music, communion, and education. Will expand on the process to include Rob, Education Committee, Music, etc.

ACTION: The motion was made by Duane Lysne to proceed with Wednesday services, seconded by Scott Bjerke, motion passed unanimously.

e. *Northwestern Minnesota Synod Church Council Training Events* There are several opportunities for new Council members to attend a training session the weekend of Feb 21 or 28. Council members are to contact Pastor if able to go.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

Fundraisers not aware of any pending

VI. LORD’S PRAYER The meeting was ended with the Lord’s Prayer.

Special Council Meeting

February 24, 2010

Holley Arvig, acting President, called the meeting to order at 7:25pm on February 24.

The council met to discuss the situation with Jamie Grismer that escalated on Sunday, February 21. Pastor Phil reported on how they had responded to the situation so far, including visiting with Police Chief Brian Nelson. They listened to a phone message from Chief Nelson's conversation on Monday, February 22. Jamie has been warned not to be in Calvary's building or on its lot or to engage Calvary members as they come and go from church. The council agree that we would have a zero-tolerance policy with these boundaries and that we would ask various men to be "on duty" for major events and worship.

Pastor Phil also reported to the council that the staff had talked about what precautions they were taking in case Jamie appeared in the building again.

The council discussed the issue and was supportive of the actions taken so far.

The council prayed the Lord's Prayer together and adjourned.