

## Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting January 8, 2008

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Terry Hepola at 7:35PM with the following members present: Pastor Holtan, Cindy Hurt, Laura Neitzke, Cindy Olson, Harvey Kraabel, Lisa Peterson, Lori Meader, Sheri Johnson, Randy Jensen, and Melody Scott. **Also Present:** Shirley Pauna, Erin Anderson, and Randy Graham

**Devotions:** Lisa Peterson led the Council in devotions and prayer.

### Officers' Reports

**Secretary's Report:** *Action: Cindy Hurt moved Pastor Holtan seconded the following: Be It Resolved that the Minutes of the December 11, 2007 regular meeting be approved as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

**Treasurer's Report:** Randy Graham presented the Treasurer's Report as follows:

	12/07 Revenue	2/07 Expenses.	12/07Balance	YTD Balance
A. General Fund	\$55,869.28	\$30,056.06	\$ 25,812.67	\$13,031.81
B. Building Fund	\$9,157.05	\$5,832.00	\$ 3,325.05	\$(3,741.33)

**Action:** *Harvey Kraabel moved Cindy Olson seconded the following: Be it resolved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

### Committee Reports

**Education-** Several new members have been added to the Committee. On January 20 a speaker will talk about the relationships between parents and their children in the Sunday-School area. The audience will be the parent and children.

**Personnel-** Lori Meader announced her desire to resign from the Council effective at the end of January 2008.

**Youth and Family-** January's focus is "Faith In The Family.". Several activities are planned including a discussion about First Communion and a family quilting effort. The Lenten Suppers will start in February. The money collected will be divided between Kinship, The Salvation Army, and one other program. There will be a pot luck dinner and other activities on March 9 to honor Erin Anderson. The Committee is considering hiring an interim Youth Director and then hiring a permanent replacement to start approximately September 1.

**Pastor-** He presented the changes that are to be considered for First Communion. He also expressed a concern for creating a way for the Cottage Groups to have a closer connection to the Council. Thus an agenda of issues facing the Council will be presented for discussion at the Cottage Meetings. The agenda will include: The Youth Director vacancy, the possible changes for First Communion, the Gifts and Ministries Coordinator position, and the Building Fund.

**Youth Director:** Erin presented a letter of resignation. His final work day at Calvary would be March 5 and his accumulated vacation would make his resignation effective March 14, 2008. **Action:** *Randy Jensen moved, Lisa Peterson seconded the following: Be It Resolved that the resignation submitted by Erin Anderson effective March 14, 2008 be accepted with regret. Motion Passed Unanimously.*

### Discussion Items

**The 2008 Christmas Eve Worship Service Schedule:** It was the consensus of the Council to keep the Christmas Eve Worship Services in 2008 the same as they were in 2007. The services will be at 3:00, 5:00 and 7:00 PM

**Audit:** Randy Graham will get together with two or three Calvary member and audit the books.

**Pot Luck Dinner at the Annual Meeting:** Sheri Johnson and Lisa Peterson will coordinate the activity. The Council members will assist as needed.

**The Nursery:** It was the consensus of the Council to present to the Congregation an additional line item in the budget that would make available \$1000 to hire someone to staff the nursery in 2008.

### **Action Items**

**Gifts and Ministries Coordinator:** *Action: Lisa Peterson moved, Cindy Olson seconded the following: Be It Resolved that the Council's recommendation for adding a Gifts and Ministries Coordinator position be placed on the Annual Meeting agenda. Motion Passed Unanimously.*

**Recommendation for Disbursement of the 2007 and 2006 Overage Funds:** The General Fund overage for 2007 is \$13,032 and the overage that was reserved for the fund balance in 2006 was \$3,849. The two total \$16,881. After considerable discussion the following motions were made: *Action: Randy Jensen moved, Cindy Hurt Seconded the following: Be It Resolved that the Council recommend to the Congregation that \$3,741.33 of the combined 2006 and 2007 general fund balance overage be transferred to the building fund to bring that fund to even for the 2007 church year. Motion Passed Unanimously. Action: Pastor Holtan moved, Lori Meader seconded the following: Be it Resolved that the Council recommend to the Congregation that the dedicated money in the Ruby Wold Candle Endowment fund (\$2,379.74) and the Seminary Scholarship Fund (\$638.62) be transferred to the Endowment Fund. Motion Passed Unanimously. Action: Cindy Hurt moved, Laura Neitzke seconded the following: Be It Resolved that the Council recommend to the Congregation that the remaining \$13,139.67 of the 2006 and 2007 General Fund overage dollars be divided as follows: \$2082 be given to the Northwestern Minnesota Synod to raise the 2007 contribution to the Synod to 7% of the total 2007 revenue. \$6983 be given to the endowment fund and the remaining \$3967 be held in reserve. Motion Passed Unanimously*

**Fund Raisers:** *Action: Sheri Johnson Moved, Lisa Peterson seconded the following: Be It Resolved that the Mission fund raisers "Trash and Treasure" sale on Saturday, January 26, 2008 and the "Valentine Dinner" on February 16, 2008 be approved. Motion Passed Unanimously.*

**Approve 2008 Budget for the Annual Meeting:** *Action: Cindy Hurt moved, Melody Scott seconded the following: Be it resolved that the Council recommendation to the Congregation that a budget requiring \$411,125 be approved. Motion Passed.*

**Approve Annual Meeting Date and Agenda:** *Action: Harvey Kraabel moved, Lori Meader seconded the following: Be It Resolved that the Annual Meeting of Calvary be held on February 3, 2008 following the pot luck dinner which immediately follows the second service. Motion Passed Unanimously.*

**First Communion:** *Action: Cindy Hurt moved, Cindy Olson seconded the following: Be It Resolved that the Council recommend to the Congregation that the parents be allowed to decide when their children are ready to take First Communion regardless of age. Motion Passed Unanimously*

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 PM and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Harvey Kraabel, Secretary

### **Informational Items**

1. 976 people attended Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services.

2. January Emphasis – Nurturing Children in the Faith.
3. New Member Orientations – Wednesday, January 16 and 23 at 7:00 PM
4. Trash and Treasure Sale for Missions – Saturday, January 26 from 9am – 2pm
5. Pianist Dave Alstead – Saturday, January 27 at 7pm
6. New Member Sunday – January 27 \*\*\*
7. All Church Songfest at St. Henry's – January 27 at 2pm
8. Congregational Potluck and Annual Meeting, Sunday February 3 at 12 noon
9. Lenten Supper – Wednesday, February 6 at 5:30 pm
10. Ash Wednesday Worship Service – Wednesday, February 6 at 6:30pm

\*\*\* *New Members joining as of January 8, 2008*

1. Kent Alm
2. Lori Beck: Daniel and David
3. Ross & Tracy Bieger: Jonah and Elsa
4. Scott & Laura Bjerke; Jenna and Alec
5. Paul & Kjersten Hunt; Rylee and Reese
6. Mike & Kim Jordahl; Payton and Shelby
7. Brian & Connie Mort; Amanda Heidorn and April Nundahl
8. Mike & Gail Pickett

### **Housekeeping**

1. December/January offerings were picked up by Cindy Hurt and Terry Hepola
2. January/February offerings picked up by Cindy Olson and Lisa Peterson
3. February Devotions by Cindy Olson
4. February Host Sheri Johnson and Lisa Peterson
5. Next Council Meeting February 12, 2008