

Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting May 13, 2008

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Terry Hepola at 7:35 PM with the following members present: Pastor Holtan, Cindy Hurt, Sheri Johnson, Julie Baumgart, Lisa Peterson, Cindy Olson, Linda Mikkelson, Harv Kraabel and Connie Mort. **Also present:** Shirley Pauna, Chelsea Hepola and Randy Graham.

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

III. Officers Reports

Secretary's Report

Action: *Cindy Olson moved Cindy Hurt seconded the following: Be It Resolved that the Minutes of the April 8, 2008 regular meeting be approved as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

Treasurer's Report

Randy Graham presented the treasurer's report as follows:

	Apr Rev	Apr Exp	Apr Balance	YTD Balance
General Fund	31,419.63	32,390.12	(970.49)	(5,567.48)
Building Fund	4,960.00	5,832.00	(872.00)	(4,557.00)

Action: *Harv Kraabel moved Julie Baumgart seconded the following: Be it resolved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

IV. Committee Reports

Education – This month's focus will be on VBS and then turn to new Children's Ministry Coordinator search.

Evangelism – Round three of visiting inactive members is underway with focus on members with children in Sunday school who may not attend themselves. There were new members that joined in April. Beginning June 3rd, the ACS local cable TV channel will broadcast the 8:30 AM service at 9:00 AM the following Tuesday.

Personnel – Discussion on the possibility of moving the annual meeting from January to October with no change in the church year.

Property – no report

Social Ministry – There will be new Stephen's Ministers commissioned on June 8th. There will be no Habitat for Humanity house in Willmar due to lack of interest. The Habitat house in Perham will begin work on May 15th. Les Gunderson is riding 500 miles as a fundraiser for Habitat. Tracy Bieger will be coordinating the cradle roll and Sandy Rustin is working with the prayer shawl group. There has been a lot of donations to the outreach program. Chelsea Hepola and a group of youth will be doing a room makeover for a young girl that is currently undergoing medical treatment.

Stewardship – Stewardship appeal program is addressed in the sermon on Sunday. The committee has met with Jeana Nelson to coordinate some ideas between Stewardship and Gifts and Ministry.

Worship – The committee would like more input and new ideas for worship. The Saturday night worship experiment was discussed. There is a clipboard handed around for people to sign up to help during worship services. The youth are taking two late services per month.

Youth & Family – There were 22 confirmands and will be 22 graduates honored in the congregation this year. The committee conducted an exit interview with Erin Anderson. Be sure to check out the youth tab on the church website and the live devotions by the youth.

Pastor's Report – Confirmation was very successful and there has been more discussion and instruction for first communion. Pastor and Merrie Sue will be on vacation for three weeks with pastors from the congregation delivering sermons for those Sundays.

Youth Director – The Jr. High will be on a mission trip to the cities on June 16 & 17. Coming up in July, there will be a "Mystery Mission" for the Sr. High.

Office – Shirley Pauna stated the stewardship mailing went out. Sue Delaney was pleased with the Web gathering that was hosted at Calvary. She is currently working on a web contact page for TWIGS so people may select needs to meet online.

V. Discussion Items

A. Cottage Groups – Discussion on success of cottage groups. About 16 of the 21 are functioning well. Suggestions were to add someone to the committee to organize and support group leaders.

B. Saturday Night Worship Experiment – The suggestion was to add a Saturday evening worship service on a trial basis from September to Christmas. The service

would need to attract a minimum of 50 people to continue the service. There will be 2 hours per week added to Jeana Nelson's position to organize committee of 6 people to coordinate the worship service and have specific responsibilities.

- C. Congregation Survey: September 28, 2008** - Reserve 15 minutes at both Sunday services and the previous evening's Saturday service to conduct the survey. This survey compares Calvary to other churches and denominations to help discover strengths and weaknesses.

- D. Building Use Policy** – The administrative team of Pastor, Shirley Pauna and the custodians will decide how and who will use the building determined by schedule, need, priority, etc. Pastor has drafted a short, simple policy with a form that must be filled out to request use of the building. The form covers issues such as damage cost, etc.

VI. Action Items

- A. Fund Raising Requests** – Presented by Sherri Johnson
 - a. Quilters Pancake Breakfast – September 14, 2008 ***tabled for different date***
 - b. WELCA Ice Cream Social/Pops Concert - July 10
 - c. Calvary Relay for Life Team Breakfast and small bazaar – June 8
 - d. Cindee Lundin Benefit to offset medical expenses: BBQ/Potluck with matching funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans – July 6th

Action: *Linda Mikkelson moved Cindy Olson seconded the following: Be it resolved to approve requests with the exception of tabled item and add the activities to the Master Calendar. Motion carried.*

- B. Children's Ministry/Nursery Coordinator** – **Action:** *Cindy Hurt moved Julie Baumgart seconded the following: Be it resolved to accept the resignation of Mary Paulseth as Children's Ministry/Nursery Coordinator. Motion carried unanimously.*

- C. Approve Youth Director Search Packet and Advertising** - **Action:** *Linda Mikkelson moved Lisa Peterson seconded the following: Be it resolved the Youth Director Search Committee have approval of the search packet and to pursue advertising for the Youth Director position.*

HOUSEKEEPING

- 1) April/May offerings were picked up Cindy Hurt and Sheri Johnson.
- 2) May/June offering picked up by Linda Mikkelson and Harv Kraabel.
- 3) June Devotions by Julie Baumgart.
- 4) June Host is Linda Mikkelson.
- 5) Next Council Meeting is June 10, 2008.

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 PM by Terry Hepola.