

CALVARY UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, February 7, 2017 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

PRESENT: Jennifer Knouse, David Knouse, Linda Hodgins, Vern Hodgins, Pat Rowland, Rob Dalziel, Mike Gange, Debbie McPherson, Rev. Nora Vedress, Alison Brooks-Starks, Shirley Gange, Don Thorsen, Neil Raas, Harvey Agnew, Dorothea Herron, Marilyn Wicker, Ray Griffin, Kathy Edwardsen

REGRETS: John Moody, Bob Hayes, Dave Towers

- 1 Call to Order and Opening Prayer 7:27 pm Rev. Nora
2. Review of Minutes of January 10, 2016
3. Errors or Omissions
4. Adoption of Minutes of January 10, 2016
MOTION to adopt the minutes of January 10, 2016 Rob Dalziel/Kathy Edwardsen
CARRIED
- 5 Business Arising from the Minutes of January 10, 2016
5.1 Vote on Remit #1 – Three Court Model
VOTE FOR - 15 OPPOSED - 0
- 6 Review and Adoption of February 7, 2017 Agenda
MOTION to adopt the Agenda with addition Rob Dalziel/David Knouse **CARRIED**

- 7 Correspondence
YWCA
Erikson-memorial donation
Osborn School

- 8 Staff Reflections

Alison

A busy month with new additions to the routine, notably getting August's Rendez-vous plans confirmed with families, and trying to gather RSVPs for Confirmation. I'd like to ask Council if it would be alright to get an advance of money for flights so that we can buy them when they are cheapest and then repay those funds back from the incoming Rendez-vous money as it comes in. We may need to do this to get early bird pricing on the conference itself as well. Would this work? Through discussion with Harvey, I am keeping the Rendez-vous money in the main church account, and keeping a spreadsheet to know how much is in there, and how much applies to which person.

Stresses this month centre around said RSVPs as it was a quiet month for youth, probably due to exams. A highlight for me in January was Adult Sunday School - the kids were just thrilled and it was amazing to see the excitement and gravity that they brought to the project. As someone said in the feedback box: "WOW! I am so impressed by the bravery of the children, their great reading and wonderful leadership. Way to go!"

In youth we worked with words that God as good parent would say to us and the youth did a craft displaying the message from God that was most meaningful to them. Messages from God chosen by the youth included "You matter," "You have a purpose," "You don't have to be afraid anymore" and "You are wanted." It was comforting and enlivening to be in a space where those ideas were being heard and felt. Thank you,

Alison Brooks-Starks

MOTION that up to \$6,750 be advanced for Rendez vous expenses Kathy Edwardsen/Jennifer Knouse **CARRIED**

Nora

January was not the quiet month I was anticipating. While Sunday Morning has been much quieter with less than 100 adults and only about 20 or so kids our weeks have been very full. We had 9 funerals this past month which has the effect of inducing a little bit of over time.

While I admit I am feeling a bit tired and also hold the importance of these services. Funerals are one of the last out reach elements the church is being offered. And even then many are turning to “officiants” non-religious funeral leaders. Not that I wish to offer those folks any disrespect as they do a good job and fill an important role for many people. But from my perspective in a time of sorrow the church has always been there for people and I try very hard to accommodate this need.

This past week I heard from two different families that they didn’t know what they were going to do and were so grateful that Calvary was there for them. I have hope that in the long run this will be something people remember our church for...Being there.

In addition to this there have been some pastoral needs that have come up that have also required specific attention. I am thrilled however to note that we have had a few people come forward to volunteer to do some pastoral visiting!! This warms my heart and eases my guilt. Now I just need an afternoon to get that process figured out. But what a wonderful thing to have happen...thank you volunteers!!

With the added services however it does mean I’m not feeling overly prepared for the up coming Lenten Season. Alison and I hope to get some quiet time tomorrow to hammer away at a few things and get a bit of Lent sorted out. One of my favourite things about church are our Sundays together so I am truly hoping things can settle down a little in order to get the creative juices flowing.

As you likely know Derek and I are heading away for a few days next week. I am very very much looking forward to this break. If we win big I’ll share it with the church harharhar.

This is all I know at the moment,
Respectfully submitted
The Rev Nora Vedress

Debbie – no report

9 Committee Reports

9.1 UCW -Shirley Stobbs

We did the service last Sunday as a celebration of our 55th Anniversary.
We will be taking part in the World Day of Prayer on March 3rd.
We will supply the lunch for the March 16th Lenten lunch.

9.2 Ministry & Personnel -Michael Gange

We regretfully accepted Debbie’s resignation
Will have to strike a search committee

9.3 Trustees- Rob Dalziel

No report

9.4 Presbytery- Dorothea Herron
Full court meeting coming up Feb. 17th here at Calvary.

9.5 Mission & Outreach Kathy Edwardsen
MOTION that we hold a Trade Show
Mid to late October 28 Kathy Edwardsen/Dorothea Herron **CARRIED**
March 19 – Muffin Sale

9.6 Worship- Shirley Stobbs
January was a quiet month at church. Nora did 9 funerals in January though. Lots of good comments on the Adult Sunday School. We now have a new sound board. Feb. 19th will be coffee Sunday with coffee served in the Narthex before church. Ken Mohn will be doing pulpit supply for us on Feb. 26th. Ray Griffin has now joined our committee since the ACE is now part of the Worship Committee. May 7th will be a celebration of all who have been baptized here in the last 12 years as part of our 60th Anniversary Celebrations. We will try having the Lenten Bible Study on Thursday mornings this year.

9.7 Fellowship - Don Thorsen
The Fellowship Committee is the host for after church refreshments for the month of February, and the Ministry and Personnel Committee will be our host for the month of March.
The Annual Bake Off Auction will be held after church on Palm Sunday, April 9th. Wes Stubbs and Marv Kolke have volunteered once again to do the auctioning for us. The next potluck lunch for February is February 19th, and the March potluck will be the Sunday of the Annual General Meeting, March 5th.

9.8 Stewardship/Finance -Dave Knouse, Pat Rowland & Harvey Agnew
The Stewardship committee sends a HUGE thank you to all of our Calvary Church members who responded to our plea for help to reduce the 2016 deficit. Due to your generous support our deficit has become a surplus.
Stewardship is offering to do a BBQ/Canteen for the upcoming Garage Sale
Finance – we will end up 2016 with a modest surplus
Harvey thanked everyone for their efforts.

9.9 Christian Education – Jennifer Knouse
Youth:
Tuesdays' "After School Snack" drop-in hours at the church had only one attendee all month so it will not continue at this time. Alison taking youth out for lunch with has a similar aim, and those outings have been very popular and appreciated by youth. "Couch Sunday" was very neat and had a wonderful feel to it. It drew only one non-regular-church-attender-youth to Sunday morning but it was enjoyed by all the regulars. "Tight Bright Patterned and Plaid" at the gym had one youth attend, even with great advertising.
Senior Youth coffee had 3 people attend.
It appears the January lull after Christmas is emphasized in youth group - perhaps because they have final exams in January.
February Youth had 5 at Junior Youth and 3 at Senior Youth. God was discussed in expansive ways and then at the level of God as good parent. The youth made crafts about this and really seemed to get a lot out of it! They took comfort in working with the messages of love from God.
Upcoming: Senior Youth Band Night - lots of excitement around this. Body Positivity will likely be postponed due to low RSVPs. Nothing on during Feb break for youth.

Sunday School:

Adult Sunday School was a wonderful event. Eleven kids led 8 Sunday School groups of adults. Grace did a fantastic job co-organizing and leading the service on the Sunday. The kids did a lot of the set-up and prep beforehand; they really took ownership of the whole event. It was a direct way to show them that they matter in the life and leadership of this place.

March 5th – Pancake Sunday (then skating after Pancakes)

9.10 Property – Vern Hodgins
Lights were repaired by Paul Ziobrowski
Entrance door fixed by Jerry Lautner
Don Thorsen fixed entrance light

9.11 Adult Christian Education
-part of Worship committee

10 New Business

10.1 Nominations Committee

All committee members have reported

10.2 Committee reports for Annual Report
Get them in

10.3 Budget

Better get them in ASAP

10.4 Remit #2

Transfer and Settlement
Information circulated
Vote YES 15 NO 0

10.5 Reserve Bank Account

MOTION that Calvary United Church set up a separate bank account with the same signing officers as currently used to hold moneys set aside as reserves for future use. Harvey Agnew/Rob Dalziel **CARRIED**

11 Other Business

Discernment Committee

MOTION that Alison's discernment committee be made up of Randy Emmerson, Sonnet McGuire, Kathy Edwardsen Michael Gange/Dorothea Herron **CARRIED**
Garage Sale Date – not set yet

12 Benediction- Rev. Nora Vedress

13 Adjournment **MOTION** to adjourn Harvey Agnew 8:37pm

**Next Council Meeting – March 14, 2017 @ 7 pm

Council Chair, Neil Raas

Recording Secretary, Debbie McPherson