

**CALVARY UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 7:00 P.M.**  
**MINUTES**

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PRESENT: Vern Hodgins, Linda Hodgins, Donna Thorsen, Dorothea Herron, John Moody, Neil Raas, Dave Towers, Shirley Stobbs, Rev. Nora Vedress, Debbie McPherson, Trevor Rutz, Staci Hayes, Harvey Agnew, Arleen Koshman, Rob Dalziel

- 1 Call to Order and Opening Prayer – Rev. Nora Vedress 7:14pm
2. Review of Minutes of December 13th, 2016
3. Errors or Omissions  
No errors or omissions
4. Adoption of Minutes of December 13th, 2016  
**MOTION** to adopt the minutes as circulated Dave Towers/Dorothea Herron **CARRIED**
- 5 Business Arising from the Minutes of December 13th, 2016  
No business arising
- 6 Review and Adoption of January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Agenda  
**MOTION** to adopt the Agenda as circulated Rob Dalziel/Arleen Koshman  
**CARRIED**
- 7 Correspondence  
Letter of thanks from TOPS

8 Staff Reflections

Alison

Apologies for being away - I am at my first discernment meeting! I'm looking forward to the process so much.

I got what I asked for at the first December Bible study... a slower, more thoughtful and grounded Advent. My knee really slowed me down but I hope to integrate some reminders from this experience: being over doing, asking for help, doing less to sink in more. That in front of mind, I started going for lunches with youth - five wonderful and personal visits so far and one booked for tomorrow. All the youth shared worries with me and none were quite what I anticipated. We have some hurting kids. It was neat to see how excited they were to be asked out for lunch.

Death Cafe was co-planned with a youth who also made two cakes for the event! The groups had lively discussions and wished it was longer. Feedback includes comments that it was "intriguing, interesting, calming" and when asked how comfortable they were during the event they gave it a 3 ½ out of 5 saying, "I am just slightly uncomfortable around death so it was good because at the beginning it was a 1." A wonderful, worthwhile evening!

Home Church was amazing but not very well attended by people who do not have a personal connection to me. We also received a few regrets, so there is some interest. For those who came, the gathering was beautiful and the feedback very positive.

My time away was wonderful and I feel refreshed and more clear-headed. Christmas Eve services were incredible to be a part of. Big thanks to Nora for staying on my case about my knee and all the help around that this month.

Alison Brooks-Starks

**Nora**

Well December, was...it was...amazing. The church was packed every Sunday. The music was fabulous and diverse. I will never so long as I live forget that Christmas Pageant. I stopped counting at 45 kids and that did not include any babies, youth, OR the kids from Vickers. Derek's comment after "I can honestly say I have never seen anything like that in my entire life". Christmas Eve was both exciting and grounding. In short, thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this Advent and Christmas Season so spirit filled.

Highs for the month not linked to worship were the visits. I generally try to have Advent worship stuff worked out as we traditionally get a large number of funerals during December. This year however it was very quiet. This freed me to do some "normal non emergent" visits and I loved it. I wish I had more time to make these connections.

Home communion was a gift to me, as were the special services we had at long term care as well as here with the Longest Night service.

Lows for the month...well looking back I can't think of any...I'm sure there were some...all I can think of now were linked to other people. In November I was worried about Alison, in December I was worried about Debbie. Both are looking better so I'm going to watch my step for January ☐

Now we get to take that liturgical deep breath known as Epiphany. For the next 7 weeks we bask in the light of Christ till we turn our eyes to the work of Lent.

But for now lets' just enjoy the peace.

Respectfully submitted

Rev. Nora Vedress

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9 Committee Reports

9.1 U.C.W Shirley Stobbs

We catered to one funeral and two more coming up, We are having a Pot Luck supper and General Meeting on the 17th. We will be feeding the Greystone Singers supper on Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>.

9.2 Ministry and Personnel Linda Gange

I Nothing to report

9.3 Trustees- Rob Dalziel

no report

9.4 Presbytery Dorothea Herron

Full court on Feb.. 17 at Calvary United

9.5 Mission & Outreach Dorothea Herron

No report

9.6 Worship Shirley Stobbs

December went very well. The Sunday School pageant was great and we had a good response on the Poinsettias.

We had some technical difficulties with the sound board – it was turned off – for Dot Junor's funeral. Wes Stubbs supplied his equipment so we're requesting that he be paid the \$75.00 fee that is usual for the sound person.

May 7<sup>th</sup> –we will invite all who have been baptism here as a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. To also celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we thought about

inviting all the surrounding United churches for a supper. We are hoping Fellowship will take this on.

Nora will be away Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> so we'll be needing pulpit supply for those 2 dates.  
Pulpit supply Feb. 5 & 26

#### 9.7 Fellowship Donna Thorsen

We are helping with the Greystone supper and will organize the Anniversary Pot luck/barbeque

#### 9.8 Stewardship/Finance Arleen Koshman/ Harvey Agnew

Met today \$15,600.00 in debt as of Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>.

PAR is up and down Our committee is open to ideas from Calvary Church committees to help alleviate our deficit.

Harvey – Nov. statements

Some generous donations in Dec. Might get close to break even.

#### 9.9 Christian Education – Staci Hayes

Youth:

12 people at Death Cafe. Positive feedback and lively discussion.

Pilot run of "After School Snack" on Tuesdays this month, which is open in drop in hours to Alison's office.

The youth have been doing a great job in the kitchen this month.

Evening youth for January focused on teambuilding and Jesus. 3 were at Junior Youth, 6 at senior youth.

Upcoming - couch Sunday, Rendez-vous parent meeting, and an event where they go to a gym in unusually fantastic workout clothes.

Sunday School:

There were over 45 kids involved in the pageant!

Upcoming: Jan 29th "Adult Sunday School" where all adults are in Sunday School and the kids are the teachers. Pancake lunch – March 5

February 19 – pot luck

March 12 AGM during service – pot luck

#### 9.10 Property Vern Hodgins

Some light bulbs need to be fixed

Entrance door needs to be worked on

#### 9.11 Adult Christian Education

Advent study

Bible study

### 10 New Business

#### 10.1 Nominations Committee-Dave Towers

I am circulating a list of current Committee members.

The 2 digit number AFTER your name is the year your term expires.

If you are prepared to serve another term please change the 17 to 19. This will reduce the number of phone calls required.

Then, someone can act as spokesperson for each committee and contact the members that are not here tonight and see if they will stay on.

All lists to be back to Debbie in the office by Jan 31/17, as she has agreed to maintain a master list.

As you can see, if everyone whose term expires in 2017 left, we would be in trouble. Conversely if all of those stay on, the transition is easier.

Of course, we welcome new names on the committees in the hope that they bring new ideas, and share the load.

One position that will become vacant is that of vice-chair, so if you have any ideas tell Debbie and she will see that one of us contact that person.

#### 10.2 Committee reports for Annual Report –Debbie McPherson

I have received 1 report so far. Please get them in asap.

#### 10.3 Budget-Harvey Agnew

Submit your budget ASAP so Harvey can put together our budget for 2017

Debbie will send out an email to all the committee chairs to submit their budgets ASAP

#### 10.4 Remit #1

Information circulated.

Video presentation.

Think about it for the next meeting when we will vote on Remit 1

#### 11 Other Business

#### 12 Benediction Rev. Nora Vedress

#### 13 Adjournment 8:36pm Harvey Agnew

\*\*Next Council Meeting – February 7th, 2017 @ 7 pm