

MINUTES OF THE 2008 ANNUAL MEETING
January 20, 2008
Calvary Lutheran Church E.L.C.A.
Neillsville, Wisconsin

Present: See attached sheet

Meeting was called to order by President Matt Jorgensen.

Pastor and members present opened with the devotion/prayer on the inside cover of the annual report.

Motion by Peggy Erickson to approve the 2007 Annual Meeting minutes. Tim Rueth seconded.

Motion Carried.

Pastor's Report

Membership & Discipleship go together. We are all members of the body of Christ. Discipleship includes responsibility and obligations (i.e. daily prayer, worship, bible reading, fellowship, servanthood, and giving). Together we all contribute to the body, which helps Calvary to grow. We have a mission, calling & purpose at Calvary. Our spiritual guidance workshop is a mark of discipleship.

Treasurer's Report – Jack Roenz

- We've begun this year in the black, despite two bad Sundays in December due to bad weather. Christmas offerings help. Make-up Sunday also helped.
- Fuel Bill discussion: Our bill last month was \$196.52, this month is was \$1,923.22. Fran Larson mentioned that the meters were read incorrectly in many homes in this area and that some people were receiving an adjustment. Sandy will call we-energies to question the difference.
- Natalie Erpenbach reported on the Building Fund. Small minor bills were paid this year, otherwise most of our payments have been for the principal & interest. Every month in 2007, besides February, we have been making additional payments on the principal, a total of \$35,640. At this pace, we will be able to pay off our building debt in 7-8 years. Right now Natalie is checking into interest rates to put the checking account money into a higher interest account. Most likely a MIF account.
- Audit report was done by MPC Accounting – Diane Murphy on January 9, 2008. All is in good order and balanced.
- Bobbie Saracoff questioned Jack regarding the use of Quicken bookkeeping program. Jack uses Quicken for the monthly report, but not for the annual report.
- **Motion by** Dan Clark to approve the 2007 Treasurer's Report. Brian Kunze seconded. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports

- Matt Jorgensen, President, mentioned that we need to beware of our contributions to the Mission & Ministry Fund. Calvary is dependent on them. Expenses go up here, just like at home. Matt thanked the members of the council for their service, especially Tim Rueth & Ruth Clark whose terms expired Dec. 31, 2007. He also encouraged new members to become part of the council.

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Committee Reports (cont'd)

- Ruth Clark, Evangelism Chairperson, thanked Katie Jorgensen, Peggy Erickson, & Bobbie Saracoff for their help over the last three years. She will continue to pray that someone will step forward and fill her position.
- Tim Rueth, Worship Chairperson, thanked Pastor and everyone on the council for their help over the last three years. He commented that the biggest issue was what worship book to use. Thank you to Jen Berger for taking over his position. Nancy Rodman reported that there was an error in the Worship report. "Blue books" were donated by Kirk & Nancy Rodman, not "green books."
- Kim Twesme, Stewardship Chairperson, thanked everyone for their help this year.
- Brian Kunze, Buildings & Grounds Chairperson, thanked everyone that volunteered their time this year on all our projects. He mentioned that several new projects are coming up this year and would appreciate volunteers again.
- Education, Youth, & Women's Reports stand as is in the absence of the respective chairpersons.
- Dale Erickson commented that we should check out Calvary's Website. There is a lot of information available and the website is kept current.
- No additional comments on committee reports. Will stand as printed.
- **Motion** by Tim Rueth to accept the 2007 Committee Reports. Corrine Witte seconded. Motion Carried.

Election of Officers

Church Council Positions:

Nominee for Church Council President (1 year term): Matt Jorgensen.

Nominee for Worship Committee Chairperson (3-year term): Jen Berger

Nominee for Evangelism Committee Chairperson (3-year term): Needed

Jodi Rueth nominated Ernie Erickson. Ernie will consider it.

Nominee for Trust Fund Committee Chairperson (3-year term): Ellen Clark

Nominees for Delegates to Synod Assembly (May 30-31): Needed

Matt Jorgensen nominated Ken & Wanda Jennings. They are considering it.

Nominee for Nominating Committee: Needed.

Tim Rueth nominated Jerry Quicker. Jerry accepted the nomination.

Motion by Dick Witte to cast a unanimous ballot for all of the above positions nominated. Amber Fischer seconded. Motion Carried.

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Budget 2008 (pg. 31):

Matt Jorgensen thanked Jack Roenz, Pastor Gordon, and Kim Twesme for working on the budget. It is a reduction from last year (-0.6%).

- There is a slight increase in the ELCA offerings.
- Fuel bill was reduced. Estimated 2008 based on previous bills. 2007 was over-estimated.
- Property Improvement was reduced. Brian Kunze, Bob Tweme, and Larry Osegard are taking care of the chimney project.
- Dennis Hauschildt commented on Pastor's salary and that we don't pay him enough. He knows that Pastor would not take a large increase, even if we gave it to him. We need to tell him how much we appreciate him here at Calvary. Everyone applauded in agreement.

Motion by Tim Rueth to approved the 2008 Budget. Jerry Quicker seconded. Motion Carried.

Other New Business:

- Bobbie Saracoff mentioned that awhile back, she asked Pastor about a Mutual Ministry Committee. Has this been formed yet?

Pastor Gordon commented that a Pastor/Parish Relations Committee was designated in his letter of call 20 years ago, but was never used. Pastor felt that the Church Council helped serve that purpose, and so it was never pursued.

Kirk Rodman commented that if the synod suggests something, we should look into it. As time goes on, our interests change. If this is an avenue we should take, we should explore it. Tim Rueth suggested that the council explore this possibility at the next meeting. Dick Witte asked that after the council discussion, it be brought back to the congregation at the next quarterly or annual meeting.

- Terry Giles, Lay Minister, was thanked for everything she has done for Calvary. Matt thanked other members of Calvary for leading worship when Pastor is away, especially Terry Giles, Tim Rueth, John Gaier, and Duane King.

Motion by Dan Clark to adjourn meeting. Dick Witte seconded. Motion Carried.

Lord's Prayer.

Minutes recorded and typed by Sandy Thoma, Office Administrator.