

PASTORAL SEARCH TEAM
(Call Committee)
MEETING MINUTES
Calvary Lutheran Church
Thursday, July 14, 2011
6:00 P.M.

Present: Larry Bonier, Grace Gunnlaugsson, Ron Foster, Andy Grey, Peggy Langelin, Mark Nyka, Andy Schatz, Kim Steiner, Janet Zastrow, Erica Zipp

Call to Order

- Andy Grey, Calvary Council President, called the first meeting to order.

Opening Business

- Larry Bonier began the meeting with prayer.
- Andy briefly explained what was required of the committee based on our constitution and by-laws and turned the meeting over to the committee.
- Grace Gunnlaugsson was unanimously elected as committee chairperson.

Business

- Grace shared copies of various resources regarding a pastoral call process and discussed some of the main points of each. (resources: Normandale Lutheran Church Call Committee webpage; *The Pastor Search Committee – A Guide to Finding God’s Leader for Your Church* by Paul W. Powell; *Advice for Pastor Search Committees* by Rev. Dr. Mark D. Roberts; *The Pastoral Search Process – Helpful Suggestions to Discover the Right Leader for Your Ministry Position* from the Placement Office of Western Seminary in Portland, Oregon; a Pastor Search Survey from www.mainstreambaptists.org; and *When the Word Leads Your Pastoral Search* by Chris Braun.
- It was agreed upon that the process will be God-centered and prayer intensive.
- Various ideas to encourage prayer and communication within and to the congregation were discussed including bulletin, email, & Crossroads announcements as well as verbal announcements at Sunday worship service. Updates will happen in the Calvary Connections (weekly emails), on the website, in the bulletin announcements, in the Crossroads (newsletter), and on the bulletin board located outside the church office.
- The committee also agreed that we would post our pictures with names, contact information and a brief bio on the bulletin board.
- Mark asked that committee members contact him via text if there are any last minute changes in meeting schedules.

- Each member formally introduced themselves and gave a brief verbal bio and description of their involvement at Calvary.
- It was decided that the committee would change its name to more closely reflect its mission. The call committee will now be known as the “Pastoral Search Team”. The team members will bring ideas next time for a written team mission statement as well as for Bible study.
- All team members agreed that we must not rush this process.

Division of Assignments

- Larry Bonier will contact Roy Harrisville to get the NALC requirements.
- Ron Foster will get information from city hall regarding Brookfield demographics and information.
- Grace will gather the church historical data from the church records.
- Kim will update the historical power point presentation used at the 50th anniversary in 2007.

Future Meeting Schedule

- It was decided that there will be some meetings on Sunday mornings before worship and some on weeknights.
- The next meetings will be at 8:45 am on Sunday, July 24th, July 31st, & August 7th. The first meeting will focus on prayer and the next two on the chosen Bible study.

Closing

The closing prayer was led by Grace and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm.

Thank you to Grace Gunnlaugsson for providing dinner for our first meeting!

Respectfully, prayerfully & joyfully submitted,

Kim Steiner
Recording Secretary