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**Unapproved Council Minutes August 16, 2021**

**Members present:** Pastor Hans, Executive Pastor Angie Larson, Katie Rentschler, Jana Berndt, Tyler Geyen, Frank Peterson, Lukas Gotto, Kathy Hungness, Bruce Luehmann

**Members Absent:** Deb Dittberner, Jennifer Rentz, Marc Sugden

The meeting was called to order at **6:00 p.m**. by President Jana Berndt. No changes were made to the agenda.

**Mission shout outs and wins:** VBS a big success with 337 kids. Great momentum for fall kid programming. People all over the country connecting with online worship.

**STRENGTHENING OUR MISSION AND VISION FOR MINISTRY**

**Devotion and Learning:** Pastor Hans led us in prayer.

**Strategic Priorities:**

**2021-2022 Priorities*:*** Will be reviewed in detail with the vision/strategy team tonight.

**Hiring Strategies*:***  *Digital Minister* position remains on pause. *Kid & Student Ministry/Next Gen*, will have at least one interview soon.

**SUPPORTING OUR MISSION AND VISION**

**Consent agenda:** **Motion was made by L. Gotto, seconded by T. Geyen, and carried to approve the Consent Agenda.** The consent agenda consisted of the minutes of the July meeting, staff reports and fund approvals of up to $1000 from the traditional Building Fund to be used to build out a basement recording studio to continue to enhance online worship.

**Treasurer’s Report**

**July financials** was by B. Luehmann. Worship income continues to fall behind our monthly budget numbers, running about 13% below budget for the year. We continue to watch expenses, and remain slightly below year-to-date budget. Total income is about 6.7% behind budget. A request by K. Rentschler was made to use up to $2500 from the existing unallocated benevolence account to send Angie to Ghana to explore a new global partnership for Calvary. **A motion was made by K. Hungness and T. Geyen, and carried to use up to $2500 of existing budget dollars to send Angie to Ghana with GlobeServe Ministries for an exploratory global serve partnership.**

**A motion was made by F. Peterson, seconded by K. Hungness, and carried to approve the July financials.**

**Old Business:**

**Building Project and Timeline:** HVAC system update is being finalized this week.

**New Business:** **Mission, Vision, and Values:** We look forward to having Dan & Lisa Malmstrom from North Point Professionals with us tonight to help us develop and clarify our mission, vision, and values.

**Fall Stewardship Appeal:** We are getting ready to embark on our 2022 General Fund appeal. October will have a specific purpose of discussing generosity and asking the congregation to be generous. The FFT is helping with timeline and messaging to ensure a successful campaign.

**Top Three Takeaways**: 1. VBS was a big success. 2. Fall worship schedule and upcoming events. 3. Calvary Partner Network has great momentum.

**SENT OUT TO SERVE**

**Leadership Dates:** September 13, 2021 6 p.m. vision/strategy team at Calvary, and September 20, 2021 council meeting at Calvary.

**Close in Prayer and Adjournment:** Pastor Hans led us in the Lords Prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.