

Board of Elders

**Crown of Life Lutheran Church**

Minutes – Meeting January 8, 2019

The meeting was opened at 8:30 AM with a prayer by Pastor Phill.

All Elders except Ernie Schmidt and Duane Rawson were in attendance along with Pastor Phill and Pastor Gary.

**Bible Study**

- Pastor Gary began study of Called to Believe, Teach and Confess: An Introduction to Doctrinal Theology, by Stephen Mueller with discussions regarding chapters 1 & 4. All members present participated in discussions regarding Theology and the Holy Trinity. At our next meeting we will discuss Chapter 9.

**Prior Meeting's Minutes**

- The minutes of our last meeting on December 4, 2018 were approved.

**Pastor's Report**

- We began the year with 715 members and we ended 2018 with 708. The reduction can be accounted for through transfers, voluntary leaving, or were removed for cause.
- Pastor discussed Elder outreach; and that Elder increase their effort to contact their members to ensure their needs were being addressed. Pastor will introduce the Duty Elder once each month at all services this year.
- Pastor will be working to set up a protocol to ensure when there is an emergency at the church that the proper procedures are followed to ensure that emergency responders come to the members aid in a timely manner.
- A discussion was undertaken regarding delivery of Communion to house bound and facility bound members. Further discussion of an action plan will take place at our next meeting.
- Pastor will be starting a Bible class on the Book of Daniel on Tuesday's this year. The start date is yet to be determined.
- Bell Choir – The Board discussed the pros and cons of purchasing and manning a 3 octave bell choir.

**Elders Reports**

- The reports were succinct with pertinent issues discussed.

**Council Report**

- As of November 30th: Budget receipts \$631,508; Actual receipts \$788,832; Budgeted expense \$733,333; Actual expense \$715,394. Current excess of receipts versus budget is approximately \$73,000. Potentially there could be a surplus of \$100,000. Final determination will not be until after January 15, 2019 and the close of year 2018 books. For 2019 budget, see Voters minutes.

**Current Month Communion**

- Ed Kristof is the duty Elder.

## **Old Business**

- Ed Kristof gave a report regarding the volunteers from the Board of Elders as bell ringers at the Salvation Army's Christmas Kettle at the SCW Basha's on December 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:00AM to 6:00PM. Ed said it was a cold and clammy day with 5 Elders volunteering along with some spouses and even a grandchild to assist. During the entire 10 hour schedule (5- two hour shifts) they raised \$462.30. Ed is hoping to be able to expand COL involvement next year.
- Pastor Phill will follow up on installation of speakers in the restrooms and the Sacristy.

## **New Business**

- Tom Leshney discussed Elders outreach:
- Elders contact with members via US mail will go through the church office
- Introduction of the month Duty Elder will occur at Church services via Pastor Phill
- Outreach will be further assisted by notification from Pastors/Church office when members are hospitalized to facilitate an inclusion of the appropriate Elder.

## **Comments for the Good of the Order**

- Happy Birthday to Ed Michel on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Harry; don't forget Cheryl's birthday on the 11<sup>th</sup> and Pastor Phill better remember Hollis's on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **Next Meeting**

- February 5, 2019 at 8:30 AM. The meeting will be led by Ron Mara.
- The closing prayer will be led by Ed Kristof.

## **Closing Prayer**

- Henry

The Meeting was adjourned 10:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Beck

Secretary