

Board of Elders

Crown of Life Lutheran Church

Meeting Minutes – March 5, 2019.

The meeting was opened at 8:22 AM with a prayer by Pastor Phill.

All Elders were in attendance along with Pastor Phill and Pastor Gary.

Bible Study

- Pastor Gary led a study on chapter 18 of Called to Believe, Teach and Confess: An Introduction to Doctrinal Theology, by Stephen Mueller, next meeting we will study chapter 14.

Prior Meeting's Minutes

- The minutes of our last meeting on February 5, 2019 were approved.

Pastor's Report

- We ended February with 701 members. With 9 new members and 15 removed, 9 for non-activity or moving out of the area and 6 were called home.
- Pastor Pill reminded us that we will be having communion on Ash Wednesday with 5 Elders present to administer ashes and distribute Communion.
- Due to the large number of communicantes Pastor Phill asked the Alter Guild to prepare two patens for Saturday communion services.
- The Southwest Singers had 307 attendees. The show was great and the collection went directly to the group to help continue their great work.
- For future Bell Choir performances on communion services they will be near where the bass section is located or on the south side of the choir director toward the piano. For non-communion services they will be placed near the pulpit.
- A discussion was undertaken regarding outreach through DVD's. Current use is limited and the current equipment needs updating. It is unclear whether we need DVD's, audio only, set up to upload via the COL website and/ or use of YouTube. Further analysis will be undertaken and a discussion and presentation to the Church Council will follow.

Elders Reports

- The reports were succinct with pertinent issues discussed.

Council Report

- As of January 31st: Budget receipts \$73,155; Actual receipts \$69,331; Budgeted expense \$69,042; Actual expense \$78,303. Expenses exceeded receipt by **\$8,508**.

Current Month Communion

- Ernie is the duty Elder.
- No substitutions were requested

Old Business

- Elder provided communion for shut-ins. Pastor discussed Elders being volunteers. If inclined, Pastor would supply training with on-site visits after prior approval by recipients. If interested, Elders need to contact Pastor Phill over the next month.
- COL postcards/note cards were discussed. As a team effort, Elder President Tom requested that between now and the end of May all Elders use the supplied post cards and note cards to contact members for their birthdays and anniversary. There has been great feedback when cards have been sent. Each member is glad to hear from their Elder, we just need to make the effort. To help facilitate this process, COL office staff will prepare listings of birthdays and anniversaries for members, when time permits.
- Installing speakers in the bathrooms was brought up. Further evaluation is necessary prior to presentation to the Board of Directors for possible funding.
- Elder expectations: when recruiting new Elders and indoctrinating existing Elders there is a great opportunity to have council with Pastor Phill and the Elder President. This will be initiated soon with the newest Elder Chris Beck and any member approached to be an Elder in the future. Pastor will initiate at time of need.

New Business

- Ash Wednesday, March 6th, there will be two services with 5 Elders at each service to handle placing of ashes and distribution of Communion.
- Common Cup, the fifth Sunday in March, March 31st. 4 Elders will be at each service to handle distribution of Communion, similar to Saturday distribution.

Comments for the Good of the Order

- Happy 60th anniversary to Duane and Cookie on the 14th. A reminder to Ron not to forget Nora's birthday on the 19th.

Next Meeting

- April 2, 2019 at 8:30 AM.
- The closing prayer will be led by Ernie.

Closing Prayer

- Chris

The Meeting was adjourned 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Beck

Elder Secretary