

BOARD OF ELDERS

Crown of Life Lutheran Church

Agenda April 2, 2019

The meeting opened at 8:32 with a prayer by Pastor Phill.

Bible Study

- Pastor Gary led a well-rounded discussion on Chapter 14 of Called to Believe, Teach and Confess: An Introduction to Doctrinal Theology, by Stephen Mueller, next meeting we will study chapter 13.

Prior Meeting's Minutes

- The minutes of our last meeting on March 5 were approved.

Pastor's Report

Pastor made all the Elders aware that the congregation is shrinking in number, but not in participation.

Between January 1st and March 31, 2019 there have been 13 new members and 27 leaving members. 7 are due to death and 9 leaving to another Church and 11 removed from membership.

As of April 1, 2019 we have 693 members. With 571 in attendance this last week end it shows an 82% attendance. This shows quite well compared to attendance in past years. The number of attendees does not include those that are house bound or living in assisted living facilities that are visited by the Pastors.

Pastor Phill asked for recommendations to help facilitate participation by volunteers in all the Church organizations including but not limited to the Outreach Board and Ushers, Elders were encouraged to approach members in their Zones for potential contacts to be recommended for consideration for the Board of Elders and Stephen's Ministry.

Palm Sunday, April 14 after the 10:30 service will be the New Member Brunch. This year it will be attended by new transferring members. All the Elders and their wives were encouraged to attend.

Sunday, April 28th between services is Voter Sunday. All are encouraged to attend.

Pastor Phill will be attending special church functions for two weekends in May and one weekend in June outside the area.

Elders Reports

- The reports were succinct with pertinent issues discussed.

Council Report

- As of February 28th: Budget receipts \$143,582; Actual receipts \$144,311; Budgeted expenses \$138,083; Actual expense \$139,307. Receipts have exceeded expenses by \$5,037.

Current Month Communion

- Ed M. is the duty Elder.
- For Sunday May 26th, Ed K will substitute for Harry

Old Business

- Common Cup Sunday- Sunday, March 31st was the first fifth Sunday of the month where common cup communion was given. It was well received at both services. At the two services more than 13% participated. Over the weekend 76 members took the common cup. Common cup will be offered throughout 2019 on every 5th Sunday as well as every Communion Saturday. The Board of Elders will review this issue again in the fall to determine any possible changes in scheduling.
- Elders were asked to be sure and contact home bound and assisted living members at least once per year in addition to the visits by Pastors.
- Elders were requested to continue their efforts to contact their respective Zone members for birthdays and anniversaries through written correspondence.

New Business

- April / Easter Schedule – everyone was comfortable with their individual assignments.

Comments for the Good of the Order

- Happy anniversary to Joel & Karen on the 3rd. Duane would never forget Cookie's birthday on the 7th; and Ernie always remembers Kathe's on the 10th. The Church Office needs to remember Susan Greening's birthday on April 10th.

Next Meeting

- May 7, 2019 at 8:30 AM.
- The closing prayer will be led by Ed M.

Closing Prayer

- Ernie

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Beck

Elder Secretary