

# **CROWN OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH 19, 2019**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vice President Ken Grover.

**Members Present:** President Jay Nelson, Vice President Ken Grover, Secretary Judy Brodzeller, Treasurer Arlin Bates, Financial Secretary Ken Warren, Board of Elders Tom Leshney, Board of Missions, Gene Kuebler, Board of Outreach Karen Block, Board of Trustees Rollie Mann, Pastor Gary Smith and Pastor Phill

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Pastor Phill provided the opening prayer

### **MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING**

The minutes from the February 19, 2019 meeting were approved and distributed.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Arlin Bates reported that the actual receipts at the end of February are very close to the budget receipts. So, we are in good shape. The monies in our various accounts are now earning approximately 0.7%. Arlin looked into interest rates at various institutions and determined that, by putting monies into various accounts we could earn approximately \$60.00 more each month. However, someone would need to keep track of each account and take out the interest, so it won't roll over into another cycle. Arlin will do what the council wants to do but he doesn't think the effort is worth it to make about \$60.00 more a month. After some discussion, it was decided to keep the funds as they are. We have several funds, and all are covered under FDIC rules.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Ken Warren reported that there was a \$30.00 difference in the accounting because someone wrote one number in the numerical box on their check and another number in the alpha section. This discrepancy has been resolved and the team is trying to create measures to make sure this doesn't happen again.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Jay Nelson talked about the Voters meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>. All board reports are due to Sue by April 5<sup>th</sup>. The congregation will receive the agenda for the meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

Jay inquired if there was a concern that the new members class cancelled because no one joined. Pastor Phill responded that it would be a concern if it happens again. He also stated that we will have several new members who have transferred to our church will be recognized on Palm Sunday.

### **BOARD REPORTS**

#### **ELDERS**

Tom Leshney reported that there will be a meeting today to begin working with some of the elders to augment the pastors for providing homebound communion. The elders will go through a training process and it will be voluntary on the part of the shut in and the elder.

The common cup will be offered on the 31<sup>st</sup> of this month.

The elders are sending out birthday cards and/or anniversary cards to the people they serve.

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Karen Block reported that 307 people attended the concert of the Sounds of the Southwest Singers. There were positive comments and many people asked that the group return in the future.

The Desert Winds Steel Band has been postponed until November.

There will be movies in the Parish Hall once a month from May through September.

The Gospel of Mark has been scheduled for April 25, 2020.

### **MISSIONS**

Gene Kuebler provided the council members with a spread sheet indicating how the funds are budgeted and distributed. Gene explained the spread sheet and stated that there is flexibility to move funds around through the various missions.

Gene also indicated that the board is in need of several new members.

### **TRUSTEES**

Rollie Mann reported that we have 180 parking spaces.

In preparing for the future Rollie got an estimate to convert the lights in the sanctuary from fluorescent to LED'S. The cost would be \$5566.42 if we do the instillation and \$8449.06 if they do the instillation. It's getting hard to find replacements bulbs for the fluorescent fixtures. After some discussion, Rollie agreed to find out what the approximate savings in energy cost would be by converting from fluorescent to LED's.

### **PASTORS' REPORT**

Pastor Phill reported that the trustees have been very busy moving tables and chairs around for the health fair, the Ash Wednesday dinner, and bible classes.

Regarding parking spaces Pastor asked if we have too many handicapped or too many golf car spaces. After discussion, it was decided to leave the stripping in the parking lot as is.

We received request from North Valley Christian Academy for one of our parishioners to serve on their board member. Patsy Bock has agreed to serve.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business, but Ken Warren asked if we need a back-up for Sue in the event she becomes ill or decides to retire. This generated much discussion including listing the critical tasks that need to be taken care of if Sue suddenly becomes ill. The most critical is the accounting which could be out-sourced. However, the

daily tasks would take months to learn. When Sue announces her retirement, we will need to hire a replacement quickly to shadow her so there will be as much over-lap as possible.

This led to a discussion regarding the sound board, video, DVD's, etc. It was suggested that we probably need a tech person on staff to take care of all the technology.

There was another discussion regarding the difficulty obtaining volunteers for ushering, greeting, serving on committees and boards, etc. It was concluded that we need to spend some time (perhaps call a special meeting) to brainstorm and list solutions for staffing in all areas.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME**

The next regular meeting is April 16th at 9:00 a.m.

Ken reminded board members to send reports for the Voter's meeting to Sue by April 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Judith Brodzeller

Recording Secretary