

## BOARD OF ELDERS

### Crown of Life Lutheran Church

Agenda May 7, 2019

The meeting opened at 8:34 with a prayer by Pastor Phill.

#### **Bible Study**

- Pastor Gary led a well-rounded discussion on Chapter 13 of Called to Believe, Teach and Confess: An Introduction to Doctrinal Theology, by Stephen Mueller; the October Chapter for discussion will be determined by Pastor Gary with notification via e-mail in late August or early September.

#### **Prior Meeting's Minutes**

- The minutes of our last meeting on April 2 were approved.

#### **Pastor's Report**

- Since the first of the year there have been 18 new members with a total of 39 going away (10 deaths/21 removed through moving and/or transferring membership and the remaining memberships being dropped leaving a total of 686 members as of May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- We as a congregation we need to potentially accept the demographics of change; aging does have its effect on membership. We as a group need to look at all options of outreach including but not limited to inviting friends, neighbors and family members to experience the joys of Crown of Life. Ray Mirly, Pastor Phill and Pastor Gary are analyzing all options for consideration by the Elder Board.
- Pastor Phill will be gone the next 4 weekends, but will still be available during the week in the office. He will be attending important functions away from Sun City West. Pastor Gary and Pastor Mirly will be in attendance during his absence.

#### **Elders Reports**

- All reports were succinct with pertinent issues discussed.

#### **Council Report**

- As of March 31st: Budget receipts \$230,093; Actual receipts \$240,075; Budgeted expenses \$207,125; Actual expense \$210,530. Receipts have exceeded expenses by \$29,545.

#### **Current Month Communion**

- Duane is the Duty Elder.
- Ed K. Will replace Harry on Sunday, May 26th
- Please arrange your own substitute for any further needed substitutions during June, July, August and September. Please notify Tom L. of any changes.

#### **Old Business**

- The suggestion was made to include a picture of the Elder along with the Zone report in the directory. Chris will check with Sue to see if it is even possible to include.
- The Elder Board recommended that the issue for audio in the restrooms during services be forwarded to the Church Council with a recommendation for denial due to lack of need and potential expenses. The motion was made and seconded and passed unanimously by the Board of Elders. Tom L will submit the recommendation to the next Church Council meeting.
- The use of correspondence to all members on birthdays and anniversaries will continue. It has been well accepted by the members and the Board of Elders.

### **New Business**

- Pastor Gary requested that the Board of Elders consider approval of a Stephen Ministry “Weekend”. The services would include a sermon by Pastor Gary to make COL membership and visitors aware of exactly what Stephen Ministry is for, how it functions and who may need their services. An appropriate video would be shown along with handouts in the narthex.
- A new class for Stephan Ministry care givers will start in October. Currently there are 6 individuals interested in the training.
- A motion was made and approved to set up a Stephen Ministry “Weekend” the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in September. We all felt it was a wonderful opportunity to make members aware of a very special opportunity.

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

- Happy birthday to Ed K. on the 8<sup>th</sup>; Tom M. on the 13<sup>th</sup>; and Ron on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Tom M. will not forget Diane’s birthday on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Happy anniversary to Ed & Sharon on the 8<sup>th</sup>; and Henry & Dene on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Next Meeting**

- October 1, 2019 at 8:30 AM.
- The closing prayer will be led by Duane.

### **Closing Prayer**

- Ed M.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Chris Beck

Elder Secretary