

BOARD OF ELDERS

Crown of Life Lutheran Church

Meeting Minutes December 3, 2019

The meeting opened at 8:30 AM with a prayer by Pastor Phil. All Elders were in attendance. Pastor Gary absent.

Bible Study

- Called to Believe, Teach and Confess: An Introduction to Doctrinal Theology, by Stephen Mueller; Chapter 17 Baptism will be discussed at the January 7th meeting.

Prior Meeting's Minutes

- The minutes from the November 5, 2019 meeting were approved.

Pastor's Report

- Church Council will determine distribution for end of year "additional" funds over budgeted expenditures. They could include the following funds: endowment, repairs & maintenance, missions and other funds as needed. Final close of books occurs at the end of January.
- New Member Sunday was December 1, 2019. Included were New Communicant Members and Associate Members. In total there were 26 individuals. The after-service brunch was well attended and a true showing by the various Boards and member services of the strength of Crown of Life.
- Pastor will be discussing Usher/Greeter training with the coordinators. Additional emphasis needs to be placed on how to meet, greet and welcome guests.
- New Elder and Officer induction will be held on January 5th at the 10:30 AM service.
- Member Status Update- Since January, there have been 17 of our loved ones that passed into their heavenly home; 4 transferred, 2 removed for cause, 2 transferred to non-Lutheran churches and 5 moved out of the area. We currently have 695 active members.
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Elder Zone Reports

- All reports were succinct with pertinent issues discussed.

Council Report

- As of October 31st: Budget receipts \$655,387; Actual receipts \$674,457; Budgeted expenses \$690,417; Actual expense \$670,683. YTD receipts have exceeded expenses by \$3,774.

Current Month Communion

- Paul is the Duty Elder. Advent Services.
- Chris will replace Ed K. on Saturday, December 7th.
- Tom L. will replace Chris on Sunday, December 8th.
- Chris will replace Paul on Saturday, December 21st.
- Tom M. will be the third Elder on Sunday, December 22nd.
- Tom L. will be the fifth Elder on Sunday, December 29th. Henry will replace Ed Michael.

- Tom L. will replace Ed Michael on Tuesday, December 31st 4:00 service.
- January substitutions – None requested. Elders were advised that if in fact they needed a substitute please initiate and let either Tom L. or Chris know.

Old Business

- Altar Candles- A discussion took place as a reminder on how to light and put out Advent and Alter Candles in the proper order.
- Salvation Army Bell Ringers- Both Friday, December 6th and Thursday, December 12th have coverage for the hours needed. If anyone wishes to be an additional Bell Ringer on either of those dates, you are welcome to come and assist. Please let Ed Kristof know what times you would like to join the fun.

New Business

- COL Group Recognition Services – Chris Beck - A discussion was undertaken to determine if having various COL groups serve as greeters to help COL members better understand their work within the church. It was agreed that it would not be advisable at this time.
- Elder Training January 8th, 2020 at 9:00 AM. All Elders were invited to attend.
- A warm thankyou was extended to Ernie Schmidt and Ron Mara for their years of service on the Elder Board. Also a warm welcome to Lowell Janssen and Al Stoudemire the new Elders for 2020.

Comments for the Good of the Order

Happy birthday to Chris on the 15th.

Next Meeting

January 7th at 8:30 AM. The closing prayer will be led by Paul.

Closing Prayer

- Tom L.

The meeting closed at 10:15 AM

Respectfully submitted:

Chris Beck

Chris Beck, Elder Secretary