

## BOARD OF ELDERS

### Crown of Life Lutheran Church

Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2020

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

#### Bible Study

- Pastor Gary led a discussion on Chapter 17, Baptism from Called to Believe, Teach and Confess: An Introduction to Doctrinal Theology, by Stephen Mueller. The February Chapter for Discussion will be Chapter 20, The Church.

#### Prior Meeting's Minutes

- The minutes from the December 3, 2019 meeting were approved.

#### Pastor's Report

- With the updates by CPH, reports are harder to obtain and analyze. With this in mind, current membership at Crown of Life is 690. There have been 18 of our loved ones that passed into their heavenly home, 6 transfers, 2 removed for cause. 2 transferred to non-Lutheran churches, 6 moved out of the area and 25 were expunged from the record.
- Summit Community Church (LCMS) off of I-10 has membership approaching 650. The Church cost \$14 million to build, with a current debt of \$10 million. They have NO traditional services. Their Bible studies are conducted in small groups at individual homes. This is an example of a new church and its growth.
- For the Cantata and Christmas Eve attendance was down slightly from previous years.
- Service attendance will be evaluated over the next year to see what changes, if any, need to be undertaken to be met with available resources. (Pastors/Elders/Trustees/Alter Guild/Greeters/Ushers)
- On **JANUARY 21 at 9:00 AM** the Church Task Force will be meeting to discuss church needs today and into the future. All Elders are encouraged to attend.

#### Elder Zone Reports

- All reports were succinct with pertinent issues discussed.

#### Council Report

- As of November 30th: Budget receipts \$723,614; Actual receipts \$743,777; Budgeted expenses \$759,458; Actual expense \$733,247. YTD receipts have exceeded expenses by \$10,530.

#### Current Month Communion

- Ed K. is the Duty Elder.
- Chris replaced Ed K. on Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.
- January substitutions –  
January 18, 4:00 PM Duane R. will sub for Ed K.  
January 26, 8:00 AM; Paul B. will sub for Ed K.

#### Old Business

- Salvation Army Bell Ringers results – Ed K. The December 6<sup>th</sup> Ringers work resulted in \$936 in donations. The December 12<sup>th</sup> Ringers work resulted in \$796 for a combined two-day total of \$1732. 18 people and one dog were able to meet the needs for this endeavor. For next year 3 days will be requested for COL to serve as Salvation Army Bell Ringers.

### **New Business**

- Elder Training January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:00 AM in the Conference room. New Elders are expected to attend and existing Elders are welcome to attend.
- The emergency phone in the sound booth does not work as initially intended. You must dial 911 to get help. Because of the location of the phone being under the desk, Pastor will get the contractor to move it to a more visible location. Pastor is addressing the Emergency Phone in the upcoming Jewels.
- On February 10, 2020 there will be CRR/Defibrillator training at COL. The class starts at 9:00 AM. All Elders are requested to update their training at this time. You will need to sign up with the Church Nurse.
- Elder Board Officers for 2020:
  - President – Tom Leshney
  - Vice President – Tom Mertins
  - Secretary – Chris Beck
  - Choir/Music Liaison – Ed Michel
  - Usher Liaison – Paul Brown
  - Alter Guild Liaison – Joel Block

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

Happy birthday to Cheryl Bernhardt on the 11<sup>th</sup>, Ed M. on the 17<sup>th</sup>, Hollis Robbins on the 26<sup>th</sup>, and Al on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Next Meeting**

February 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM. The closing prayer will be led by Ed K.

### **Closing Prayer**

- Paul

The meeting closed at 10:00 AM

Respectfully submitted:

*Chris Beck*

Chris Beck, Elder Secretary