

BOARD OF ELDERS

Crown of Life Lutheran Church

Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2020

The meeting, held in the Church Chapel opened at 8:30 AM with a prayer by Pastor Phill. All Elders were present with Pastor Gary and Jay Nelson, Church Council President also in attendance.

Bible Study

- Called to Believe, Teach and Confess: An Introduction to Doctrinal Theology, by Stephen Mueller; chapter 20, The Church. Pastor Gary is postponing the Bible Study for this month.

Prior Meeting's Minutes

- The minutes from the May 5th, 2020 Elder meeting were approved as published.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor gave an update on Apostles Lutheran Church, 67th & Cactus. The Pastor is recovering at home. The Assistant Pastor is recovering in the hospital.
- Pastor has had a good response about starting Services again. Some wanted it to start sooner.
- Pastor has received a positive response back on current communications by the Elders. Daily transfer of Devotions and concern for the membership is greatly appreciated.
- Pastor also, overall, had a good response as to why he is waiting to have Communion distribution. His explanation in the Jewels went over well.
- Over the last 2 months, almost 3 months, of Church closure there have been 5 deaths along with several moving back to their home states.
- Since Memorial Day, May 25 Corona Viruses cases (non-active):
 - Surprise – 42 – 60 cases City wide
 - Sun City – 71 – 81 cases City wide
 - Sun City West – 61 -61 cases City wide

Elder Zone Reports

- Through an e-mail and phone blitz by the Elders the positive responses for attending Church services the weekend of July 27 -28 exceeds 291 members. Some members said they would not come to in-person Church services until things calmed down. Others indicated that they would only come if participants wore masks.
- Numerous requests have been received to keep the YouTube Church services active after the end of Corona Virus restrictions. Pastor indicated that the electronic Church service will be available in some form indefinitely.
- It was recommended to all the Elders to use the blind carbon copy (BCC) when sending emails. If you put the email address in the TO address, every receiver of that email has the email address of all those who receive the email. By using the BCC no one sees the email receivers address.

Council Report

- As of April 30: Budget receipts \$319,625; Actual receipts \$305,537; Budgeted expenses \$277,715; Actual expense \$282,445. Actual Receipts exceeded Expenses by \$23,092.

Current Month Communion

- Al is the Duty Elder.

Old Business

- Helping Hands – this issue was discussed in Pastor’s recent letter to the flock. No other action was necessary.
- Church e-mail listings – due to the outreach by all the Elders, the Church office currently has updated emails and addresses for all members. This will facilitate the Church updating members either via a mass email listing or snail mail if required.

New Business

- Cards – all Elders are sending cards and new cards are available in the Church office for pickup.
- Re-opening weekend of 6/27-28 – Final preparations and discussions are underway with the committee meeting every Friday through June 19th. A mass email will be prepared to notify members after the June 19th to determine if there are any mitigating circumstances that may prevent a public Church service. Elders will be in contact with their Zones to help with coordination.
- Re-opening weekend and future Communion services –
 - Each Elder and Pastor shall thoroughly clean their hands with disinfectant.
 - Continuous Communion – whereby communion is given to members as they move to the alter where Pastor and an Elder will be standing.
 - The wafer will be placed in the members hand by the Elder or Pastor.
 - The wine cup will be placed in the hand of the communicant by the Elder or Pastor.
 - The wine cup shall be placed in a receptacle prior to returning to their seat.
 - The final Blessing will commence after the last communicant returns to their seat.
- Normal Communion schedule will commence following the opening weekend services. If it’s July, then the first Communion will be Saturday, July 4th using the above process for distribution.
- Food bank – Ed M. – On May 27th, a food drive was organized for Zone E. Ed was able to collect and deliver 30 boxes/bags of food to St. Mary’s Food Bank. Pan de Vida (Bread of Life) Food Bank, the normal delivery point for COL collections, is closed based on their web site.
- It was suggested that a coordinated effort be undertaken when Church reopens to spearhead collection of food products for pickup by St. Mary’s Food Bank. The Elders were requested to set up an email reminder to their Zone members for the 1st Sunday of the month. Follow-up and coordination through St. Mary’s Food Bank is needed. It is to be determined who will spear head this project.

Comments for the Good of the Order

- Happy Flag Day on the 14th.

Next Meeting

- July 7, 2020 at 8:30 AM. The closing prayer will be led by AL.

Closing Prayer

- Duane.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 AM

Respectfully submitted:

Chris Beck

Chris Beck, Elder Secretary