

BOARD OF ELDERS

Crown of Life Lutheran Church

Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2020

The video meeting held via Zoom opened at 8:31 AM with a prayer by Pastor Phill. All Elders were video conferenced or phone called in except Lowell Janssen. Pastor Gary was 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 July 7, 2020 Elder meeting were approved as published.

Pastor's Report

- Saturday, August 1st there were 69 attendees. For Sunday, August 2nd there were 120 attendees.
- Bees have been eliminated and normal live Church Services will commence in the Sanctuary the weekend of August 8th.
- As evidence with the Council Report, stewardship is still going well.
- Special music is being scheduled with violins the weekend of August 15th and the flautist for later in August.
- Tim Gast is being hired as a temporary Tech Advisor. He is working on light and sound board improvements and training. We will also be onboard to train for the new streaming equipment arriving August 10th.
- Holly Gast, Church office manager is working hard on on-line sign up for Church Service attendance, assisting Pastor Gary in updated Power Point presentations, much needed payroll changes, improving music licensing and becoming a Notary.
- Bob Coursen has started his new position as Head Organist. During his time off throughout the year, Linda Sawyer will fill in.

Elder Zone Reports

- No attendance reports available. Discussions were succinct and only pertinent issues were discussed.

Council Report

- As of June 30, 2020: Budget receipts \$432,557; Actual receipts \$432,086; Budgeted expenses \$416,573; Actual expense \$394,179. Actual Receipts exceeded Expenses by \$37,907.

Current Month Communion

- Tom L. is the Duty Elder.
- Substitutions: **A final updated schedule for August will be prepared and forward by Tom L.**
- Saturday, August 15 – Chris Beck to sub for Duane, Ed K added to cover Pastor Gary Vacation
- Sunday, August 23 – Tom M. will sub for Duane
- Sunday, August 30 –(no Common Cup), Tom L. and Al S will serve as Elders

Old Business

- Food Bank update – Ed M. The food drive was a HUGE success. More than two full carts of food were collected (more than 100 bags of food with lots of cereal). Thanks to Ed M. for sorting and delivering the 500+ pounds of food the St. Mary's Food Bank.
- The canned food drive will continue the first weekend of every month.

New Business

- The September Jewels will be sent electronically. Those members without e-mail addresses will have hard copies snail mailed.
- A member requested consideration for changing how Communion is distributed. The suggestion was to have members stand at the altar as opposed to kneeling at the Communion rail. This was suggested for better flow. After discussion, it was agreed that as soon as it was safe, Communion would continue at the rail. For those members who cannot kneel, they may stand to receive Communion.
- Currently, preparations are underway to have a Christmas program with the Bell Choir, musician, and the organ. Due to concerns over the Corona virus, no Choir is planned.
- Questions as to the number of and when to increase Church Services was discussed. Normally, there is a 4 PM on Saturday and a 9 AM on Sunday through December. When the Church population increases additional services will be added. With the use of the Choir area, the Church can socially distance as many as 180 members.

Comments for the Good of the Order

- Happy Birthday to Karen Block and Jan Nelson on the 1st; Gloria Michel on the 6th; Lola Leshney on the 19th; Lowell Jansen on the 26th; Linda Beck on the 27th; Paul Brown on the 30th; and Tom Leshney on the 31st. Happy Anniversary to Paul and Carol Brown and Tom and Diane Mertins on the 5th; Pastor Gary and B.J. Smith on the 11th; Chris and Linda Beck on the 14th; and Tom and Lola Leshney on the 20th.

Next Meeting

- September 1, 2020 at 8:30 AM. The closing prayer will be led by Tom L.

Closing Prayer

- Henry

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 AM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chris Beck

Chris Beck, Elder Secretary