

BOARD OF ELDERS

Crown of Life Lutheran Church

Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2020

The meeting opened at 8:24 AM with a prayer by Pastor Phill. All Elders and Pastor Gary were present. Jay Nelson, COL Board President was a guest.

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. **The discussions will continue with the January 5th, 2021 Elders Meeting.**

Prior Meeting's Minutes

- The minutes from the November 3, 2020 Elder Meeting were approved as published.

Pastor's Report

- The issue of e-mail and phone scams was discussed. Pastor and the Elders agreed that the congregation needs to be vigilant and not participate in any phone scam (Microsoft or Amazon) or e-mail scam (I need a favor, could you give me a gift card). The Elders will be including a warning in their Devotional Thought e-mails to their represented membership. Holly has issued an email to all COL members to warn them of the potential scam this week.
- New member classes have been stopped due to recent Service schedule changes. Pastor will complete new member classes in the future on Saturdays.
- There will not be a formal New Member induction service due to COVID-19.
- A motion was made to conduct Sunday services at 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM until May 1st. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- December 12 and 13 will be the Cantata.
- Midweek Advent services will be held on December 2, 9 and 16. Pastor reported that many Lutheran Churches in the District have discontinued both Advent and Lent midweek services. COL will continue to hold midweek services for Advent and Lent.
- Communion distribution is going well. Discussion was undertaken to help ensure that the process continues to be meaningful for the congregation.
- Lighting of candles was discussed and lighting the candles 10 minutes before start of service was the best.

Elder Zone Reports

- Member reports were succinct with only pertinent issues. No attendance reports were available due to COVID 19 protocols.

Council Report

- As of October 31, 2020 YTD: Budget receipts \$658,876; Actual receipts \$684,731 Budgeted expenses \$694,288; Actual expense \$638,855. Actual Receipts exceeded Expenses by \$45,876.

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Current Month Communion

- Paul is the Duty Elder.
- **DECEMBER 2020 Duty Elder: Paul**

Dec. 5 th	Saturday	4:00 PM	Paul & Harry
Dec. 6 th	Sunday New Members	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Tom L. & Tom M. Lowell & AL
Dec. 19 th	Saturday	4:00 PM	Paul & Al S.
Dec. 20 th	Sunday	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Paul & Tom L. Henry & Duane
Dec. 27	Sunday	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Paul & Tom L. Harry & Ed M.
Dec. 31 st	Thursday New Year's Eve (Common Cup)	4:00 PM	Paul, Harry, Ed M., Tom M.

- **Wednesday Advent Services 4:00 PM 12/2, 12/9, 12/16.**
- **Christmas Eve Services 2:00 PM, 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM**
- **Cantata December 12 & 13**
- Communion Elder Schedule for 2021 will be edited to show the new 9:00 AM Sunday service time and will be distributed to all the Elders and Pastors.

Old Business

- Food Bank – Co-sponsored by the Elders and LWML December 5th & 6th – Ed Michel Food will be going to the Phoenix Rescue Mission. Elders were asked to send a reminder with their Devotional Thought e-mails this week.
- Salvation Army Bell Ringers – Ed Kristof. Bashas and Safeway will NOT be allowing Bell Ringers this year. It was agreed to table participation until next year due to COVID 19 concerns.
- Christmas Cards / Labels / Stamps, pick up 9 DEC 2020.

New Business

- Term Expirations for 2021. Duane, Chris and Tom M will have their first 3-year term end in 2021. There will be no Elders going off the Board due to term limitations in 2021.

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- As a reminder: In the January meeting, election of Officers for the Board of Elders will need to take place.
- Thanks, and praise were given to outgoing Elders Tom Leshney, Harry Bernhardt and Ed Kristof. Each of them served 6 years. Each helped with the many changes undertaken to communicate with the Crown of Life membership during these trying times. They will be missed.
- Tom Johnson is taking over Zone A from Ed Kristof; Ron Mara is taking over Zone F from Tom Leshney; and Dave Sawyer is taking over Zone J from Harry Bernhardt.

Comments for the Good of the Order

- Happy Birthday to Chris on the 15th and Ginett Janssen on the 24th.

Next Meeting

- January 5, 2021 at 8:30 AM. The closing prayer will be led by Paul.

Closing Prayer

- Harry

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 AM

Respectfully submitted:

Chris Beck

Elder Secretary