

CROWN OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

VOTERS ASSEMBLY MINUTES

MAY 2, 2021

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Vice President Mike Krischler.

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Phill provided the opening prayer and thanked the congregation for their ongoing support and stewardship.

RECEPTION OF NEW VOTING MEMBERS

New voting members were recognized and fourteen signed the constitution. There were 117 in attendance at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2020 Voter's Meeting. **Motion Carried.**

REVIEW OF REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND BOARDS

1. Financial Secretary, Duane Neal, reviewed his report and thanked the team that counts the weekly offering from the envelopes.
2. Arlin Bates, gave the latest financial report. At the present time we are about \$5000.00 ahead of budgeted receipts and have spent \$20,000.00 less than the budget. The excess funds from last year went into the Endowment Fund, the Organ Fund and the Search for a New Pastor

Fund. A question was asked how much is in the Organ Fund and if we need to replace the organ at the present time. There is about \$20,000.00 in the fund currently and the organ should last at least a couple more years.

3. Board of Elders Chair, Tom Mertins, introduced the elders present and stated the zone of each. Members are asked to contact their elder and/or pastor if they need assistance or want to commune at home. The pastors and several elders are now providing home communion. Tom also quipped that we are a COVID congregation, "Congregation of Very Intelligent Disciples".
4. Board of Trustees, Rollie Mann, introduced the trustees present and thanked them for maintaining our physical plant. He listed some of the many duties they perform.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Phill give the report for the Mission Board on behalf of Marilyn Engelken. They are currently on track with their budget. The board focuses on education and gives a substantial amount of money to Christian education. There were two new requests this year that have been granted. Pastor also asked members to consider serving on the Mission Board.

Pastor gave a brief review of the year. We currently have 666 communicant and associate members. He thanked Holly for her first year of service and told how the Lord blessed us with both her and our new principle organist, Bob Coursin.

Pastor has been asked how long he will be with us and said he will not be retiring for at least two years.

The Endowment Fund, which is for the congregation to continue in the future, has over \$700,000.00. We will continue to grow the fund and will not use it until absolutely necessary.

We do have money in the budget to hire a new Parish Nurse to replace Carol Steficek who retired last August. We have put that position on hold for the time being.

The congregation was asked to use their elder as a point of contact if they have any issues with the church.

There have been some leaks in the roof so some areas in the sanctuary will need to be repaired. The trustees will take care of the roof leaks and then the necessary repairs will be completed.

In June we will begin to pass the collection plates and attendance books. In July we will commune at the railing if the Covid rates keep falling. We will continue to wipe down the pews after each service through May.

Schole is a homeschool group that used our facility on Monday's. In the fall they will be switching their day to Thursday so the Women's Bible study can resume using the parish hall on Monday's.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions presented by the church council.

The secretary read each of the resolutions.

Church Council Resolution #1

Whereas, elected President Jay Nelson has resigned his membership at Crown of Life, and

Whereas, the Organization Manual of the Church stipulates that the elected Vice-President, Mike Krischler, shall assume the responsibilities of President of the Congregation if the office becomes vacant, and

Whereas, the Church Council voted unanimously to recognize Mike Krischler as fulfilling the unexpired term of Jay Nelson, ending December 31, 2021,

Therefore, be it resolved by the Voters' Assembly that the recommendation of the Council in this matter be ratified.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to adopt resolution #1. **Motion carried.**

Church Council Resolution #2

Whereas, by resolution the Voters' Assembly, following Church Council recommendation, has moved the elected Vice-President, Mike Krischler to serve the unexpired term of the elected President, and

Whereas, that action leaves the Vice-President position unfilled, in which case the Organization Manual stipulates the President shall appoint a member to that position, and

Whereas, Tom Leshney is currently filling a Church Council seat as At-Large member of the Council, and does not have other elected or Board duties at this time, and

Whereas, the Church Council unanimously adopted now-President Krischler's suggestion to appoint Tom Leshney to the unexpired Vice-President term, ending December 31, 2022,

Therefore, be it resolved by the Voters' Assembly that the recommendation of the Council in this matter be ratified.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to adopt resolution #2. After discussion, the **Motion carried.**

Church Council Resolution #3

Whereas, the Paragraph 5.0 of the Bylaws of the church stipulate 2 Voters' Assemblies annually, one in November and one in April, and

Whereas, having moved now to a year-round 9AM Sunday service and a 1030AM service January through April, the April meeting between services is no longer possible, and

Whereas, the Voters' Assembly must approve changes to our Bylaws as recommended by the Church Council,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Bylaws of the church be amended to reflect a Voters' Assembly in November and in May.

<p>Motion: A motion was made and seconded to adopt resolution #3. After discussion, the Motion carried.</p>

Church Council Resolution #4

Whereas, Paragraph 3.3 of the Bylaws of the church stipulate "The terms of all offices shall be a period of two (2) years, except Elders and Trustees whose terms shall be for three (3) years," and

Whereas no provision exists currently in the Bylaws to extend those terms if necessary, and

Whereas, moving into the role of Chairperson of Boards ideally asks for some years' experience serving on Boards,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Voters' Assembly adopts the following new paragraph of the Bylaws, at the recommendation of the Church Council:

3.7 Individuals elected or appointed as Chairpersons of Boards shall serve at minimum one (1) full term, even if to do so would require them to serve beyond the term to which they were elected.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to adopt resolution #4. After discussion and clarification, the **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER

President Mike Krischler adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m. and Pastor Gary led the group in the Common Doxology.

Recording Secretary,

Judith Brodzeller