

BOARD OF ELDERS

Crown of Life Lutheran Church

Meeting Minutes (Final)

January 4, 2022

The meeting opened at 8:27 AM with a prayer by Pastor Phill.

All Elders were in attendance: Tom Johnson, Tom Mertins, Lowell Janssen, Tim Krueger, Ron Mara, Al Stoudemire, Gerry Harpt, Chris Beck, Dave Sawyer, Henry Munzinger, Jeff Holmes and Paul Brown.

Pastor Gary was also present.

Bible Study

- After discussion, it was decided that faith/theological training is important for all Elders. A large group of current Elders have studied Called to Believe, Teach and Confess: An Introduction to Doctrinal Theology, by Stephen Mueller. It was decided that a new subject matter will be introduced next month. The study of "Lutheranism 101", Chapter 1 will be undertaken at our February 1st meeting. Copies will be available in about a week.

Prior Meeting's Minutes

- The minutes from the December 7, 2021 meeting were approved.

Election of Officers

- Individuals nominated for Elder Board Officers:
 - Tom Mertins, Chairman
 - Ron Mara, Vice Chairman
 - Chris Beck, Secretary

No other individuals were nominated. A vote by affirmation was taken and the three individuals were elected to their respective office for 2022.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor discussed the 10:30 AM services on Sunday mornings. A final determination has yet to be made. It will depend on attendance and parking space availability. Elders are scheduled for the potential need for the second Sunday services. Pastor will notify the Elders if and when a second service is to be added.
- Matt Deller is the new COL Choir Director. He is the Sounds of the South Choir Director and will be serving COL September through April.
- Bob Coursen will be leading the Bell Choir. We will continue to use soloist for various services. We are currently looking for a pianist to accompany the Choir. Linda Sawyer agreed to help for the month of January, in the interim, until Matt Deller decides the future needs.
- New membership training will take place on Saturday, January 29 and February 5 from 9:00 AM till 12:00 PM. Everyone is welcome.

- Stewardship at Crown of Life has been a true BLESSING. As addressed in today's Council report the anticipated surplus (income over expenses) will be over \$150,000. Thanks to all who gave to the glory of God. We as a Congregation are truly Blessed.
- During Lenten Service there will be some guest Pastors. Pastor Phill has sent out some requests and is still waiting for the final list.
- Elders will need to help with upcoming services. With Pastor Gary retirement and the loss of Pastor Ron, Elders will need to help with communion in the pews and other duties when necessary. Pastor will let the Elders know in advance.

Elder Zone Reports

- All reports were succinct with pertinent issues discussed. Monthly reports were available.
- Elders can send out birthday, anniversary or get well wishes through cards prepared by the card committee, by e-mail, phone calls or by whatever means they feel comfortable with. It is only requested that they remember all their members occasions as a way of communicating.

Council Report

- As of November 30, 2021: Budget receipts \$702,283; Actual receipts \$780,943; Budgeted expenses \$750,766; Actual expense \$640,023. YTD receipts have exceeded expenses by over \$150,000. Final determination will be available after the January 2022 Council meeting.

Old Business

- 1) A thankyou card was sent on behalf of the Elders to the card committee by Tom Mertins:
 - a) Members- Cathy Meyer, Mary Bonrud, Trenna Brauer, Sherrie Jessen and Kathy Ludden all receive a thankyou card.
- 2) Food drive "currier", currently Ed Michel has volunteered to continue delivering donations to St. Mary's Food Bank. Dave Sawyer volunteered to take on these duties, when he is in town. Tom Mertins will coordinate.
- 3) No Elder schedules changes for 2022 were needed at this time.
- 4) Update on Call Committee for Associate Pastor:
 - a) All submittals have been forwarded to District President.
 - b) Waiting on District to finalize call list.
 - c) This process will most likely take some months to complete.

New Business

- Can the Pulpit be moved? With the current Pastor's not using it, by moving it there would be more room for communicates to reach the alter. Because of how the Pulpit is constructed, it cannot be moved.
- Will new Elders receive new name badges? Yes, Holly will be ordering new name badges for the Elders as soon as possible.
- Holly requested that "any action item" requiring her attention, please be hard copied to her for her completion of the action item. These could include motions requiring her follow-up, etc. The hard copy ensures she does not miss a required action.
- Introduction letter for new Elders may be e-mailed to their respective Zone members. Those without computer access will need to be snail mailed. Copies of suggested verbiage are available to any new Elder for preparing their letter of introduction.

Comments for the Good of the Order

Happy birthday to Al Stoudemire (1/29) and Pastor Phill (2/1)

Anniversaries: missed Gerry and Audrey's 60th, belated congratulations.

Next Meeting

February 1, 2022 at 8:30 AM. The closing prayer will be led by Chris Beck.

Closing Prayer Today

- Paul Brown

The meeting closed at 9:23 AM

Respectfully submitted:

Chris Beck

Chris Beck, Elder Secretary