

# Crown of Life Lutheran Church

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2022

Attendees – Pastor Phill, Pastor Gary, Gene Kuebler, Tom Leshney, Greg Harwood, Tom Mertins, Gene Axelson, Bob Hammann, Duane Neal, Linda Sawyer (via phone), Lynne Rose

Meeting Called to Order at 8:30am by VP Tom Leshney

Introductions were made for the benefit of the new Council members.

Opening Prayer led by Pastor Phill

Motion was made by Tom Mertins and seconded by Greg Harwood to accept the December Council meeting minutes. Motion passed.

### PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Gene Kuebler

Gene welcomed everyone to this first meeting of the new year.

Referencing the Task Force report, and looking to the future, Gene set forth three priorities for the Council to consider as we look to the future. These priorities are 1) the role of the incoming Assisting Pastor, 2) the Endowment Fund including initial parameters and usage of the fund moving forward, and 3) the purposes and functionality of the current Boards.

Additionally, Gene asked for input from Council members regarding Campus Enhancement – specific ways to make our campus more inviting and welcoming.

### TREASURER’S REPORT – Greg Harwood

Investments have been reviewed and are accurate.

There is a note maturing in February. The Finance Committee will be meeting and will make a recommendation to the Council at the February meeting.

A detailed budget report is available to all members.

Motion was made to approve the proposed distribution of excess funds by Gene Axelson. Seconded by Tom Mertins. Motion passed.

The approved distribution of the excess funds will be shared at the April Congregational Voters’ Meeting.

### FINANCIAL SECRETARY – Duane Neal

Duane reported that he has a full staff that is working harmoniously together. They are off “to a good start.”

### PASTORS’ REPORT – Pastor Phill

Pastor will be out of town this coming weekend. Next Sunday, January 29-30, both services will be a Communion service as it is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.

The President of Concordia, Seward will be preaching on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of February.

There will be one guest preacher during Lent.

The attendance on Sunday's has remained consistent. At this point, there is no plan to add a second worship service on Sunday mornings.

The New Member class is scheduled for Saturday January 29 and February 5. New members will be received on Palm Sunday.

#### ELDERS – Tom Mertins

There are 3 new elders that have been elected. The elders have resumed tracking attendance – it was stopped during the pandemic.

The Elders are doing a new book study as a part of their meetings. They are using Lutheranism 101.

The monthly food distribution continues under the leadership of Dave Sawyer.

Addressing the Pastoral search, Tom shared that the two required documents have been submitted to the District President. He has been informed that there are 16 names of potential candidates. The DP is now in the process of collecting the biographical information and the next meeting will be set once the list is received.

#### MISSIONS – Gene Axelson

Gene informed the Council that \$6000 has been designated for 'pulpit supply' at Mt Calvary Lutheran Church in Phoenix, when Pastor Vern is preaching.

Gene also shared information from a recent Synod report regarding pastoral vacancies. Crown of Life is continuing to provide tuition assistance to seminary students.

#### TRUSTEES – Bob Hammann

The trustees have held their first meeting. Bob has met with Rollie and Pastor during this time of transition. There are no immediate needs.

Bob would like to address the condition of the Columbarium and look at enhancing the landscape and replacing loose tiles.

It was suggested the Trustees should consider hiring help for some of the projects that require climbing ladders, etc.

#### MEMBER-AT-LARGE – Linda Sawyer

Linda began by explaining this role has a broad description and is designed to "keep an eye on the people of the congregation" by identifying needs and providing opportunities for members to feel valued by serving as they are able. This may include opportunities to serve from home, using technology.

Linda also believes that building on the relationship with the Schole Board and families may be one way to provide opportunities for service. She will be meeting with their Board in the near future to learn how we, as a congregation, can support these families through prayer and, perhaps, in filling specific needs.

#### OLD BUSINESS – none

#### NEW BUSINESS –

Tom Leshney shared a little about the “Care Ministry”, an idea born out of the need to provide assistance to our members in times of specific needs This group will continue to meet to explore options and challenges as they move forward to create this new outreach to our members.

The next meeting of the Council will be on February 16 at 8:30am.

Meeting adjourned at 10:27. Closing prayer by Pastor Gary.

Respectfully Submitted, Lynne Rose, Recording Secretary

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