

**CROWN OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**MISSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**November 12, 2021**

**Board Members Present:** Marilyn Engelken  
Gene Kuebler  
John Thomas  
Gene Axelson  
Pastor Phill  
Cathy Meyer

**Board Members Excused:** Darlene McAfee  
Marty Irwin

Marilyn called the meeting to order and Pastor Phill opened with prayer.

The minutes from the October 8, 2021 meeting were approved.

Marilyn reviewed a request from Luther Academy to translate Lutheran Dogma into Portuguese to be used in Brazil and the Dominican Republic.

Discussion: We have had no previous relationship with Luther Academy. There is some connection between Luther Academy and Fort Wayne Seminary, but it was not understood. This was likely a broadcast request (sent to all churches), rather than targeted. It was agreed to ignore the request.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

In preparation of the upcoming line item budget allocation we had a great discussion on “Who are we as a Mission Board? What is the criteria we use to determine where the mission funds go?”

Gene K. & Gene A. shared their prospectives as to what we have done in the past:

- In the past the focus was on:
  - LCMS
  - Education
  - Mission Church
- Funds were not used to support ‘bricks & mortar’ but into people. People (organizations) that are not LCMS or quasi-Christian are highly questionable and not typically supported.
- We have to continue due diligence to ensure they [organizations we regularly support] continue to support our mission.
- LCMS – priority world-wide.
- Education – very important, all members of the board should support this.
- Missions – new programs should be well researched. It’s ok to send money for start-ups
- Mission out-reach – either for modification or start-up.
- Not typically a limit on the amount of donation. It’s important to consider the appeal for help. However, large donations / requests should have a written purpose, proposal and pay-off.
- When considering established organizations, -- what will benefit the most from the donations.
- It is important to engage the COL congregation, organizations where someone in the congregation has a personal relationship are consider over unknown organizations.

Pastor brought up that District has a goal for 100 start-ups in 10 years.

We talked again about having written guidelines to help both current and future board members understand our goals and objectives.

**ACTION ITEM:** Cathy will take the information provided above and see if she can come up with draft guidelines or a flow chart to present to the board at the next meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Lutheran Hour has a matching event. Gene Axelson made the motion (John seconded) that we send \$2000 to Lutheran Hour Ministries. Voted and approved.

Note: After the meeting, it was determined that we had already sent \$1000 to LHM earlier in the year, but it had not been added to the budget spreadsheet. Pastor asked what we wanted to do, GK & CM both suggested changing the amount to \$1000. Marilyn – WHAT WAS THE FINAL ACTION TAKEN?

There was a question about Evergreen (the Lutheran School in Detroit that is on Evergreen St.)

**ACTION ITEM:** Gene Axelson will call and see how they are doing.

Meeting was adjourned.

Recorded by Cathy Meyer