

CROWN OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
MISSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 2021

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

Board Members Excused: Marty Irwin

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

The minutes from the November 12, 2021 meeting were approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- A representative from Concordia, Seward is coming in February, with the Pastor preaching.
- Papua New Guinea check request will go after the meeting, there was some confusion where it should be sent. They work through Mission Central, so it will be sent to them.
- As we review the financials, we need to remember that some of the monies need to be sent first quarter.
- Some funds may come from the congregational overage this year, and will be put in the dedicated funds

OLD BUSINESS:

Gene A. reported that he had checked in with Pastor Danowski from Evergreen School in Detroit and he has sent a request. There was confusion if a check had already been sent.

It was noted that the Excel spreadsheet needs to document **ALL** expenditures from dedicated funds so we can tell what we have already done for the year.

John asked why his request to add the Phoenix Rescue Mission to the agenda didn't get added. It was tabled in October, and he requested that it be added for consideration for 2021 from dedicated funds. A motion was made and seconded.

Discussion: Gene A. pointed out that we have always focused on LCMS organization. Phoenix Rescue Mission is huge, and has a huge budget.

Marilyn mentioned that in the past we have voted down organizations that were not LCMS. When requests come to the board, we need to be following some guidelines in order to be accepted.

It was asked if this means that anything a board member proposes to the board that they shouldn't bother?

If we keep giving to outside organizations, where does it stop?

There are lots of worthy organizations but without a direct connection we need to dig deeper.

The motion was amended (and seconded): with support of \$2000 for 2021. [We don't seem to know enough about the organization to specify where the funds should go.]

The motion was not approved.

Correspondence:

There were a number of requests but Marilyn forgot them at home.

Liberia – there are issues related to the previous Pastor out of Las Vegas.

Choices – LWML & Stitchers supported them with a lot of things, but Mission Board won't support.

Pastor Danowski from Evergreen Lutheran School in Detroit Michigan.

Gene A. motioned that we donate \$1000 from the dedicated fund for tuition assistance.

The motion was seconded and amended to \$2000.

The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Cathy presented a flow chart (attached) that can be used as a guide. All agreed that it was helpful and can be used in the future.

Gene A. and Gene K. brought up the "policy book". Holly was able to find a copy and a copy was provided to each member. It is from the COL-LC Organization Manual (page 9-10) which discusses the Organization and function of the Board of Missions.

Discussion of Next Year's Budget:

- Seminaries – It was moved, seconded and approved that they get \$10,000 each.
- Concordia NB – it was moved, seconded and approved that we pay the full \$5000, and present the check to the representative when he comes in February.
- Circuit -- There was some question how we should identify (earmark) the \$21,000 from Circuit. It was moved, seconded and approved that we leave the full \$21,000 as unspecified and use it as we see fit.
- Papua New Guinea -- It was moved seconded and approved that we eliminate that line item, and move the \$1000 to Mission Central for 2022.

Action Item: Cathy to research and report back in January what is happening with Christ's Care Kenya.

During the budget discussion, Gene K. brought up "Best Practices at Christ Lutheran Church – Highly Recommended! It is scheduled for February 17-19, 2022.

Meeting was adjourned.

Recorded by Cathy Meyer