

BOARD OF ELDERS

Crown of Life Lutheran Church

Meeting Minutes (Final)

February 1, 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.

Prior Meeting's Minutes

- A correction to the January 4th minutes was made. The incorrect date of the February Meeting was listed. After corrections, the minutes were approved.

Bible Study

- "Lutheranism 101", Chapter 1 "Who is God?" was discussed by all. Chapter 2 "That's a Sin" will be discussed at the March 2, 2022 Elder meeting with Chris Beck leading the discussion.

Pastor's Report

- Lent starts on Wednesday, March 3rd with a 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM service. There will need to be 5 Elders at each service to distribute Communion and Ashes. There will NOT be any crucifer's needed at either service. There will be 2 Guest Preachers during the mid-week Lenten Service. Pastor is still finalizing dates for these speakers.
- Pastor discussed the 10:30 AM services on Sunday mornings. As of now, there is sufficient room at the 9:00 AM service to not require the additional 10:30 AM service. Pastor will continue to monitor and notify the Elders if and when a second service is to be added.
- Henry Munzinger was curious if the names added to the Prayer for the Church listing could be announced earlier to allow the Elders, getting ready for Communion, to hear them. Pastor said in many cases these names were received at the beginning of service and they had no control of when they were given to the Pastors for inclusion. Pastor did say the listing is left on the alter at the end of service and any interested Elder can go up and look at the listing for names they may have missed.
- Pastor requested that items left on the front pew remain in place. He will notify the membership of the need not to "clean up" the front pew, since these are the notes that Pastor uses during his sermon.
- Lowell Janssen wanted to know how to handle members in the Hospital, hospice, assisted living, etc. Pastor said normally the Pastoral staff do all the contacting. People often request not to be seen in these circumstances, but Elders may contact the family members to see what they may help with.
- Matt Deller is the new COL Choir Director. Ron Mara reported that the initial impressions are that Matt will be great. Matt is looking to have Choir sing at two services per month. He is generating a lot of enthusiasm amongst the choir.

- The final Spring New Membership training will take place on Saturday, February 6th from 9:00 AM till 12:00 PM. Everyone is welcome.

Elder Zone Reports

- All reports were succinct with pertinent issues discussed. Monthly reports were available.
- What letters are sent to absent members? There are 2 letters sent. The first is a letter of concern. The second letter is a letter of questioning IF the member wishes to remain within the Crown of Life Church Membership. The letters are normally sent out about 30 days apart. Elders are asked to remind the office staff that the 2nd letter needs to be sent due to the time lapse between letters.

Old Business

1) Elder Schedule Changes:

- a) Chris Beck will potentially be unavailable for the Lenten Service schedule.
- b) 4:00 PM February 19th service – Al Stoudemire will substitute for Tom Johnson
- c) 4:00 PM March 2nd service – Al Stoudemire will substitute for Chris Beck

An updated Elder Duty Schedule will be forward to all.

2) Dave Sawyer will be taking over the St. Mary's Food Bank project from Ed Michel. Dave is coordinating with St. Mary's Food Bank for any specific needs they may have that we can fill. Dave will notify the office for inclusion in upcoming bulletins.

3) Update on Call Committee for Associate Pastor:

- a) Twelve (12) candidates were submitted from the District President to the Call Committee. The Call Committee narrowed the list to seven (7) candidates. Five (5) of the seven (7) asked to remain "under consideration". Two (2) of the five (5) initial respondents asked to be removed from consideration. The remaining two (2) candidates' response is pending.

New Business

- Pastor Gary – A new team is being proposed at Crown of Life. It will be called **Care Team at Crown of Life**. This will extend/expand the duties for the Stephen Ministry geared to provide Short-Term Assistance. Various needs, of the needy within the congregation, will be addressed.
 - Referral/Outreach will be based on direct referral from Pastors, Elders, Share-A-Meal provider, as well as through Prayer Requests, Bulletin Announcements. Lola Leshney will coordinate.
- Letter of Concern from a COL member regarding "He is Risen" opening statement and slides used during Pastor Phill's sermons. The concerns were fully discussed and it was decided that Tom Mertins would prepare a letter of response from the Elders.
- Chris Beck had some questions regarding Devotional Thoughts and Letters of Introductions for the new Elders. It was explained that some Elders have notified their Zone members that all Daily Devotional Thoughts are available on the Church website. The other Elders send out individual Daily Devotional Thoughts. Letter of Introduction have been sent, mainly through e-mails to all the new Elders' Zones. A snail-mail copy was not sent due to the regular ability for members to receive e-mail messages.

Comments for the Good of the Order

Happy birthday to Pastor Phill (2/1)

Anniversaries: Jeff Holmes (2/16)

Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 8:30 AM. The closing prayer will be led by Tom Johnson.

Closing Prayer Today

- Chris Beck

The meeting closed at 10:12 AM

Respectfully submitted:

Chris Beck

Chris Beck, Elder Secretary