

BOARD OF ELDERS

Crown of Life Lutheran Church

Meeting Minutes (Final)

April 5, 2022

The meeting opened at 8:25 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, Dave Sawyer, Henry Munzinger, Jeff Holmes, Paul Brown and Chris Beck.

Pastor Gary was also present.

Member Status Update

- Holly Gast, Church Administer prepared a listing of members who have not been present nor had contact within the last 60 days.
- A discussion took place to determine various members status based on Elder contact.
- Elders are requested to call, email or snail-mail their respective Zone members in regards to their absence. Are they ill, are they in need of specific assistance, have they moved, etc.? After initial determination of member status, the Elders are requested to email Holly so she may update church records and determine if office follow-up is necessary.

Prior Meeting's Minutes

- The March 1st minutes were approved as written.

Bible Study

- "Lutheranism 101", Chapter 3 "It's All About Jesus – Part 1" was discussed in depth by all. Chapter 4 "It is all about Jesus, Part 2" will be discussed at the May 3, 2022 Elder meeting with Jeff Holmes leading the discussion.

Pastor's Report

- There was a wonderful letter sent by the Adopt-a-Chap, Chaplain Charles Mallie thanking the congregation for all their lovely letters and cards. He also indicated that he will be leaving the USS Nimitz in June after a very long deployment.
- Both services (Saturday 4:00 PM and Sunday 9:00 AM) during Palm Sunday weekend will have communion
- Sunday, after the 9:00 service a brunch will be served for the New Members Meet and Greet. All Elders, with new members joining this Spring, have been requested to attend.
- The last mid-week Lenten service will be April 6, 2022.
- Holy week starts with services on Maundy Thursday April 14th at 4:00 PM, Good Friday at 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM and Easter weekend with Saturday services at 4:00 PM, Easter Sunday at 6:00 AM, 9:00 AM and at 10:30 AM.

Elder Zone Reports

- All reports were succinct with pertinent issues discussed. Monthly reports were available.

Council Report

- Financials were presented:

| | Budget | Actual |
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| Income: | \$136,591 | \$162,127 |
| Expenses | \$140,784 | \$118,620 |

Old Business

- Elder Schedule: numerous changes were requested and an updated schedule with all the changes will be sent out ASAP.
- Update on the Call Committee for Associate Pastor: As decided at the Special Voters meeting held on April 3 a call is being sent out to Reverend Mark Airey. A possible site visit is yet to be determined. Updates will be sent out to all the Elders as they unfold. The Elders thanked Tom Mertins and the Call Committee for all of their hard work during their 5 months of work in narrowing down the search for a new Associate Pastor. There were 195 voting members who cast a ballot.
- With Tom Johnson moving to Minnesota, Carl Browning has accepted to be his replacement. Final details are being worked out by Tom Mertins. Blessings to Tom and his wife Kari on their move and a big THANK YOU for your hard work.
- Pastor Gary's retirement bash will be at Palm Ridge on May 29, 2022. Final details are still being worked out. Cost will be \$20/person.
- The Care Program is still in the works and is being led by Tom and Lola Leshney.

New Business

- May 3rd will be the final meeting until October 4, 2022 for the Elder Board. If any emergencies or items requiring the Elder's attention, you will be notified.
- Tom Leshney will be the Pacific Southwest District convention delegate. Gene Kuebler is the alternate.
- Pacific Southwest District (PSD) People for the PSD Ministries approved and passed a document in support of encouraging additional people to go into the ministry and will be submitted to the PSD for consideration. There are currently 400 requests for ministers with the most recent graduation class at Seminary placing 140 available for placement.
- Elders are requested to consider being on the Prayer Chain list. This will allow them all to be notified of anyone placed on the prayer listing and allow them to take the necessary action to assist their Zone members. To get on the Prayer Chain send an email to prayer@COLchurch.com with your request to be added.
- The Spring Voters meeting will be held Sunday, May 15th after the 9:00 AM service.
- Food bank collection and delivery to St. Mary's Food Bank (off Dysart and Grand Ave- 13050 W Elm St, Surprise, AZ) needs someone to deliver for the months of May, June, July and August. Current Elder in charge, Dave Sawyer will be unavailable. Tom Mertins will discuss with Ed Michel to see if he will do the deliveries. If he can't a volunteer will be needed.
- Church attendance sheet – The process for book distribution to the pews and pickup is undergoing revision. To make it easier on the Ushers and the office staff Ushers are being asked to place the books in the pews and at the end of the service, remove the top page, place the book back in the pew and

place the attendance sheets on Holly desk. This is still a work in progress, but great strides are being made.

Comments for the Good of the Order

No Birthdays or Anniversaries this month.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 8:30 AM. The closing prayer will be led by Jeff Holmes.

Closing Prayer today:

- Lowell Janssen
- The meeting closed at 9:49 AM

Respectfully submitted:

Chris Beck

Elder Secretary