

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

**March 11, 2022 @ 9:00 am**

**Board Members Present:** Gene Axelson  
Darlene McAfee  
Cathy Meyer  
Diane Hammann  
Pastor Phill  
Gene Kuebler (COL President, non-voting)

**Board Members Absent:** John Thomas  
Marilyn Engelken  
Carl Browning

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Phill

The minutes to the February meeting were approved with the following corrections:

- First bullet of the Pastor's Report -- clarification that "the Pastor" was referring to Pastor Vern Ermeling who has been doing much of the preaching at Mt. Calvary.
- Second bullet of the Pastor's Report – clarification that the opportunities were to assist Mt. Calvary, but no specifics were provided during the meeting.
- Forth bullet of the Pastor's Report – clarification that the entire \$5000 in the budget for Concordia in Seward, Nebraska will be given to them when they come (came) to visit.

Corrections will be made and re-distributed.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:**

Pastor Phill had nothing new to share so he "yielded his time" to the meeting.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Gene K.)**

- Gene thanked Gene A. for his presentation to the church council last month. Members were very interested and very glad to hear it. They had lots of positive questions.
- They are planning to have a presentation to the congregation in November on the Endowment Fund, to educate them on what it is, how it works and what its purpose is.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Gene A. shared a large package of correspondence we had received from the following:
  - Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska (thanking us for our gift); also a receipt of funds.
  - The January newsletter from the McMillers in Italy
  - The Lehmans in Puerto Rico (supported through Mission Central)
  - Eric Bear, our new Seminary Student in St. Louis
  - Mark Hofman, Executive Director, Mission Advancement (LCMS)
  - Thank-you letter from the Rocky Mountain District for those affected by the Marshall fire

**FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT**

Darlene presented the Financial report.

Note: It has been agreed that payments would be made at the beginning of each quarter.

Question: Cathy asked if the e-mails we had received from Christ Care for Children – Kenya after last month's vote to discontinue support changed anything. Gene A. indicated that until we can tell what's going on, it would be tabled.

Note: The original student we were supporting at St. Louis Seminary dropped out of school. So we have been assigned a new student – Eric Bear. He grew up in the Phoenix area, went to Valley Lutheran High, then joined the military. After the military, he had a landscape business for a while. So, a young second-career guy. He has applied and been accepted into the Naval Chaplaincy.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Duties & Responsibilities** --The discussion regarding the "Board for Missions" section of the Crown of Life Organizational Manual (see attachment to February, 2022 minutes) was tabled.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Diane presented the request for donation to Concordia Seminary St. Louis to support their "Enrollment Strategies and Initiatives Program" being used to address the church's pastor shortage. She indicated that the deaconess program has seen an increase of 57%.

There are two areas of possible support:

- Student Recruitment Ambassador program (where they use alumni to cover regions to connect to potential Seminary Recruits. Each Ambassador is given a \$8,000 stipend per year.
- They invested \$30,000 for a management software system, which has a similar yearly maintenance fee.
- Diane favors the Ambassador Program, and recommended that be where we provide support.

As a side note, Pastor & Gene K. commented that they have been asked to present something similar to the district Convention.

**Motion:** Diane moved that \$8000 be donated to support the Student Recruitment Ambassador Program (from unspecified; one payment). Motion was seconded and approved. Diane will write the letter to accompany the check.

- Trinity Hope feeding program – Gene A. brought up that they currently have a matching campaign. For those not aware, it is a program started by some Lutheran churches. They use all local workers, coordinators, and source their supplies locally (which helps the economy). They serve very simple food to kids in Christian schools in Haiti. Their expenses run about \$50 per child per school year, which is 25¢ a day!

**Motion:** Gene A moved \$5000 be donated to Trinity Hope (from unspecified; semi-annually). It was seconded and approved.

- Gene A. presented the information that he had received from Mission Central for Ukraine – Displaced Persons. They are working with affiliate Lutheran churches in Poland and other countries that are getting the people from Ukraine.

**Motion:** Gene A. moved \$5000 be donated to Mission Central (from unspecified; lump sum) to support the efforts to help the Ukrainians. It was seconded and approved.

Note: Gene to get an update in 4-6 weeks after the money has been sent to share with us.

- Gene A. presented the information for the Lutheran High School in Parker, Colorado. It is now one of the fastest growing Lutheran schools in the US. Tuition is \$12,000 per year per student, but they get enough scholarship funds to bring it down to \$8,000 per student per year.

**Motion:** Gene A. moved \$3000 be donated to Lutheran High School in Parker, Colorado (out of unspecified, one lump sum) specified for scholarships. It was seconded, but not approved.

- Gene A. presented a letter from the Surprise Scholé Academy (they are the home school group that uses our church on Thursdays). Next year they will be adding High School curriculum next year. Their projected teaching related costs over 3 years is \$2400.

**Motion:** Cathy moved that \$1000 be donated to the Surprise Scholé Academy to support the development of their High School Curriculum (unspecified, one lump sum). It was seconded and approved. Pastor Phill agreed to write the note that goes with check.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Recorded by Cathy Meyer