

CROWN OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
MISSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2022 @ 9:00 am

Board Members Present: Gene Axelson
Carl Browning
Darlene McAfee
Diane Hammann
John Thomas
Marilyn Engelken
Cathy Meyer
Pastor Phill

Board Members Absent: Gene Kuebler (COL President, non-voting)

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Phill

Welcome to our new member Carl Browning

The minutes to the March meeting were approved

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Phill indicated that he didn't have much to share.

- He did provide an update on the call of the new associate pastor, that he had been in communication with him and we were waiting for them to indicate if they were interested in a visit.
- The church finances continue to be ahead of budget.
- Pastor had indicated a week previous to the meeting that there was no longer a need at Valley Lutheran High School and Mount Calvary Lutheran Church for funds to help support the salary of the pastor (see January, 2022 minutes). These funds were not spent, and are included in this month's financial sheet.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Gene K.) – Gene had indicated prior to the meeting that he would not attend so no report was given

CORRESPONDENCE

- Gene A. shared a large package of correspondence we had received from the following:
 - Email from:
Paul Nelson in Indonesia
Martin Dicke serving in Papua New Guinea
Tyler McMiller serving in Italy
Adam Lehman serving in Puerto Rico
Michael Paul serving in Taiwan.
 - Two emails (via John Thomas) from Janet Borchard, with Lutheran Bible Translators previously serving in Papua New Guinea.
- **Motion:** John explained that Janet Borchard is having difficulty with her vehicle. He moved that we donate \$5000 (from unspecified) to LBT specifically for Janet Borchard. Motion was carried.
 - Letter from Seminary student Tanner Sutcliffe (who previously had mistakenly noted as having left the seminary) Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
 - Gratitude letter from students receiving help through Trinity Hope, Haiti

- Letter from Mission of Christ Network (Adam & Annett Lee in Saxony, Germany) along with a letter from Pastor Vern Ermeling requesting a donation to help, they are housing two Ukrainian women and their families.
- **Motion:** Gene moved that \$2000 be sent (from unspecified) to specifically help in the housing of the Ukrainian families. Motion was seconded and carried.
 - Package from Christ's Care for Children: Kenya/Project 24
Gene raised a concern that resentment of siblings could be an issue within families of students sent to facilities in this program.

Action: Pastor Phill agreed to call Jenifer (coordinator for the project in St. Louis) and have a conversation with her about the program and Gene's concerns.

FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT

Darlene presented the Financial report.

Note: It was clarified later in the meeting that the update she provides at the beginning of each monthly meeting will show the current status, including checks that have been written.

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 again, but Diane had a couple of questions that she posed for consideration when the subject was discussed:

- Is it possible for the Mission Board to be a mission within the church? Example, the newly formed Care Team will be helping members of COL, where will their funds come from? Could they be funded by funds from the Mission Board?

Clarification: For the benefit of the newer members of the board, it was explained that all of the funds shown on the Budget sheet, with the exception of the Dedicated Funds, Memorial Fund & the Mission Development Fund are part of the annual budget. We spend the "unspecified" first because that will go away at the end of each year if not used.

The Dedicated Funds are from specific donations outside of the budget, they do not go away.

The Memorial Funds are monies that have come in as memorial contributions in memory of a deceased member of the congregation. They are not ours to spend, but the Mission Board has the responsibility to specify their use (though recommendations to the Church Council) "for the building up of this parish".

- Another possible use of the Memorial Funds would be flower containers.
- Diane's second question, regarding the Duties & Responsibilities: What about speakers? Are we the group that coordinate speakers? A: There is no regular process, but we can suggest, especially if we know they will be coming to town.
- Diane's final question: How can a congregation be responsible for "determining the need for new congregations to be formed in our geographic area"? Isn't that the Circuit or District? Pastor Phill agreed that it seems to be beyond a specific congregation to determine, and it is much harder now than it was in the past.
John Thomas offered the following recommendation based on his past experience: If/When we get to the point that we are looking for land or a location, be sure the Church Council is on board and in agreement!

NEW BUSINESS

- The only new budget item on the agenda was a possible donation to the ministry in Saxony, Germany, which was already discussed.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Recorded by Cathy Meyer