

## **CROWN OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### **MISSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Phill

#### **PASTOR'S REPORT:**

- Questions arose regarding the \$6000 that we approved to cover the Pastor's (Pastor Vern Ermeling as pulpit supply / vacancy) salary for the year at Mt. Calvary, more information forthcoming.
- Still looking for opportunities to assist Mt. Calvary.
- It was confirmed that Papua New Guinea was moved to Mission Central so it is now \$7000 for Mission Central.
- Concordia Nebraska will be here in 2 weeks, we want to make sure and give them their entire donation (all \$5,000 at one time rather than quarterly as specified in the 2022 mission budget) when they are here.
- 2021 overage -- \$48059.94 was approved as the Mission Board's portion of last year's overage.

Question: Cathy asked, understanding that the Church Council agree to no longer put financial information on the church web site, and since board minutes are published on the web site, should the minutes that are sent to Holly for publishing be scrubbed of financial information? The answer—The Mission Board minutes will not change, any financial amounts discussed in the meeting can be published.

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

- Gene K. got a call from Marty Irwin, he is officially stepping away from the Mission Board. He has been on the board for a long time, Gene Axelson will send him a thank you note for his years of service.
- The Church Council meeting was quite long, they did a deep dive into their Mission and Purpose. The areas discussed included:
  - Filling the vacancy for Pastor Gary
  - Endowment fund – How we can use/enhance/educate & document how it works and its purpose.
  - Congregational Enhancement – What can we do to enhance what we have. Example: the entry way, what could we do to use it rather than a garden area?
  - Gene Axelson will be presenting Mission Board overview next meeting
- Region 4 Mission Council – we have not had any contact. Pastor Phill hopes to talk to him today but does not anticipate us moving the Circuit money back to that purpose.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Gene A. shared copies of various correspondence. Paul Nelson did finally arrive in Indonesia!

## **FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT**

**Motion:** It was moved, seconded and approved to send \$10,000 to Mission Central for Pastor Nelson & Pastor McMiller (\$2,500 quarterly). Although we agreed to do this in 2021, that can't cover the budget for a future year. This makes it official for 2022.

- Christ Care for Children – Kenya: Their model is sponsor based. If we give them money and get children assigned, but we don't interact with them, we are letting them down. If they don't have a 'general' budget then we don't have a good way forward. It was concluded that we don't seem to have any kind of relationship with them, we don't hear from them.

**Motion:** Gene A. moved that the \$5000 for Christ Care for Children – Kenya be moved to the unspecified budget. It was seconded and carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Colorado Fires (Rocky Mountain District) – According to the Regional office, no churches were burned but several LCMS members had their houses burned. Initial money was for immediate needs, now they are moving to longer-term needs. They have a Disaster Relief Fund that is being worked on a grant process.

**Motion:** Gene A. moved that we send \$5000 to the Rocky Mountain District that be used for their Disaster Relief Fund. It was seconded and approved. It will come from Mission Support Unspecified budget. Pastor Phill will write the letter to accompany the check.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Mission statement, duties & responsibilities -- Diane Hammann asked about the specific sections of the [Manual] for Missions
  - 13.1 – How are we supposed to determine the needs for new congregations to be developed in our geographical area.
  - 13.2 – Are we actively doing the things described? (“Develop cooperative areas of activity within the larger community to share Christian concern.”)
  - 13.4 – When are we having seminars, Workshops, classes? (“Seek to create an increased awareness in the congregation of the need for mission activity locally, nationally and worldwide through the use of seminars, workshops, retreats, classes, etc. Emphasize the Great Commission of our Lord (Matthew 28:19-20).”)

**Proposal:** Next meeting let's go through our mission and responsibilities. (please see attached section from Tab 1 of the Congregation Organizational Manual)

- Concordia Seminary, St. Louis -- Diane also asked about supporting their recruitment like she brought up in the January meeting. Pastor asked Diane to investigate how recruitment is funded and present it at the next meeting.

**ACTION ITEM:** Diane to further investigate Concordia Seminary, St. Louis recruitment funding and present to the board.

- Correct email addresses? -- Cathy collected everyone's email addresses and will send them to all members for future use. [an email was sent to all members following the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Recorded by Cathy Meyer

## **EXERPT FROM TAB 1 OF THE CROWN OF LIFE ORGANIZATIONAL MANUAL**

### **13.0 BOARD FOR MISSIONS**

The Board for Missions is responsible for establishing an on-going program of awareness of mission beyond the congregation.

The Chairperson of the Board for Missions is elected by the Voters and is a member of the Church Council. Other Board members are appointed by the Chairperson in coordination with the Pastor(s). The Chairperson will also attend Circuit Forum meetings and report to the Voters as appropriate. The Board for Missions duties include:

- 13.1. Determine the need for new congregations to be formed in our geographic area.
- 13.2. Develop cooperative areas of activity within the larger community to share Christian concern.
- 13.3. Receive requests for financial support from outside organizations requiring further screening. Evaluate, prioritize and forward those deemed worthy of support to the Church Council for disposition.
- 13.4. Seek to create an increased awareness in the congregation of the need for mission activity locally, nationally and worldwide through the use of seminars, workshops, retreats, classes, etc. Emphasize the Great Commission of our Lord (Matthew 28:19-20).
- 13.5. Encourage the congregation to support District and Synod mission projects and assure adequate provision in the congregational budget of mission project funds.
- 13.6. Encourage mission interest, awareness, and support through such activities as providing lists of mission projects from which members may choose; plan and carry-out mission festivals; have missionaries visit the congregation, etc.
- 13.7. Arrange for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, the Lutheran Laymen's League, etc., to be recognized annually at a regular Worship service.