

Crown of Life Council Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2022

Attendees: Pastor Gary, Gene Kuebler, Tom Leshney, Tom Mertins, Greg Harwood, Bettie Orr, Gene Axelson, Bob Hammann, Linda Sawyer, Sheila Mecham, and Lynne Rose.

Absent – Pastor Phill and Duane Neal

Meeting called to order at 8:28am and opening prayer was offered by Pastor Gary.

A Motion was made by Tom Mertins and seconded by Linda Sawyer to accept the previous minutes. Motion carried.

Pastors' Report – None

Treasurer's Report – Greg Harwood

Greg reported on the Finance Committee Meeting that was held on Friday, May 13, 2022. His summary included the decision to not pursue 'hard assets' at this time but to continue with our current conservative financial perspective. Additionally, Greg reported that the Finance Committee has accepted the recommendations of the Financial Review Process Committee and has made the recommended changes.

President's Report – Gene Kuebler

Gene did inform the Council members that we will be meeting throughout the summer, to focus both on Pastor Airey's arrival and the work of the Endowment Fund Policies.

Gene shared several details from his conversation last week with Pastor Airey. Gene described Pastor Airey as a good communicator and a visionary. Pastor Airey' asked several questions, including one pertaining to a leadership retreat. There was a good discussion regarding this, and the Council will revisit this subject once Pastor Airey arrives.

Two individuals have volunteered to serve on the Endowment Fund Policy Committee. Gene extended an invitation to any of the Mission Board members to join the committee as well.

Financial Secretary – Sheila Mecham

This group of dedicated volunteers continues to serve with integrity.

Elders – Tom Mertins

On behalf of the Call Committee, Tom sent a letter to President Gibson, thanking him for the outstanding help he provided during the Call Process. Tom also included references for our other two candidates – with their permission – for future use by the District.

Missions – Gene Axelson

Gene presented a written report that included the following information:

1. The Mission Board has voted to discontinue mission support to NVCA, effective immediately.
2. The Mission Board approved a \$5000 grant to Christ's Care for Children, Kenya.
3. The Mission Board approved a \$1000 grant to Evergreen Lutheran Church School in Detroit, MI.
4. A \$2000 grant was sent to Lutheran Hour Ministries during their Matching Fund Drive.

Trustees – Bob Hammann

Luther Rasmussen has resigned due to medical issues, leaving the Trustees short one member.

Member-At-Large – Linda Sawyer

Schole Academy is wrapping up their school year and have expressed their sincere appreciation for the support of COL.

Linda also complimented the Call Committee for their faithful commitment, as expressed to her by several congregational members.

Old Business – None

New Business –

On behalf of the Council, Gene K. expressed his thanks to Pastor Gary for his years of faithful service to Crown of Life.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:17am and closed with The LORD's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynne Rose, Recording Secretary