

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

**May 13, 2022 @ 9:00 am**

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

**Board Members Absent:** Marilyn Engelken

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Phill

The minutes to the April 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, Pastor Airey has indicated that he will accept the Call. We are still waiting for the signed documents.
- On his action item from the last meeting and the concerns raised last month about Christ Care for Children – Kenya. Pastor Phill spoke to Jennifer Hummel at Synod about the concerns, they have not seen that to be a concern.

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

Gene reiterated that the Church Council has three initiatives this year:

1. Filling the Pastoral vacancy when Pastor Gary retires – this appears to be nearing completion.
2. Endowment Fund – It is planned that a presentation will be made to the Voters in the fall, documentation of the purpose and how it will be used. In this effort, Gene is putting together a special committee to develop the documents and presentation. This special committee will be working with the Finance Committee. It will not be covering how the money should be invested, but establish the documentation. Anyone interested in helping on the committee should talk to Gene.
3. Enhancements – what can we do to enhance ministry at Crown of Life. They are involving the trustees, in things like the courtyard, also the new pastor and the new Care Ministry.

Related to the New Business item on the agenda about North Valley Christian Academy (NVCA) – Gene has been on their Board of Directors for over a year (until this month). Gene shared his view: They are a Christian school under the umbrella of Lutheran, but are not following Lutheran Principles. Their business plan is scary, it is based totally on tuition. The religion teacher is not Lutheran. Gene's observation is that the only reason they even use the term 'Lutheran' is because they have a loan from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund. They are taking advantage of the benefits, but not following Lutheran Doctrine. After review in the CoL Church Council, it was strongly urged that the Mission Board stop supporting NVCA.

**Motion:** Cathy made a motion to stop supporting NVCA, and seconded by Darlene. It was discussed if a letter should be sent explaining why we are not going to be supporting them anymore, but was agreed that a letter was not appropriate. This returns \$9500 to unallocated Mission Funds.  
The motion was carried.

## FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT

Darlene presented the financial report; however, an update was required. Darlene will send out an update after the meeting.

Since Mission Board won't be meeting in the summer, Darlene agreed to send monthly reports.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Gene A. shared a large package of correspondence we had received:

- Thank you letter from Dr. Thomas Egger, President, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, regarding our donation for student recruitment strategies
- Thank you letter from Surprise Schole Academy Board
- Thank you letter from Janet Borchard, Lutheran Bible Translators
- E-mail newsletter from missionary Tyler McMiller serving in Italy
- E-mail newsletter from missionary Michael Paul serving in Taiwan
- E-mail newsletter from missionary Paul Nelson serving in Indonesia
- E-mail newsletter & brochure from Jay Brinkmeyer, Trinity Hope, Haiti
- Report from More Greater Things, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Louis
- E-mail newsletter from student Eric Bear at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
- Letter from student Tanner Sutcliffe at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
- Thank you letter from Mission Central, re donations for Ukranian refugees
- Letter from Evergreen Lutheran Church, Detroit, Michigan requesting

## OLD BUSINESS:

**Christ Care for Children – Kenya:** They were removed from our Budget in February because we were not hearing from them. Now that we have received more information about them, and addressed concerns the board feels more comfortable supporting them.

**Motion:** Cathy made a motion that we support Christ Care for Children – Kenya in the amount of \$5000. The motion was carried. Note for treasurer: both quarters will be sent at the same time.

## NEW BUSINESS

- The first new item on the agenda was North Valley Christian Academy which was already discussed.
- Evergreen School in Detroit – Gene Axelson explained that we received a letter requesting donations. Specifically, they are in need of funds for algebra books, piano tuning and building inspection fees.

**Motion:** Gene A. made a motion that we support Evergreen School in Detroit with a donation of \$1000 from mission support.

The motion was carried.

- Lutheran Hour – They currently have a matching grant program.

**Motion:** John made a motion that we support Lutheran Hour with a donation of \$2000 from mission support. The motion was carried.

Diane voiced a concern that we give for a specific area with a letter, rather than just a generic donation. However, with organizations that have such large budgets, our donations don't warrant a specific letter.

## OLD BUSINESS: (continued)

**Duties & Responsibilities** –This has been on the agenda several months and is not getting addressed.

**Action Item:** Gene A. took the action to write a rough draft for discussion. Gene K. encouraged this, since this is an area he will be encouraging updates from all of the boards in the future.

\*\*Perhaps we can work on this via email over the summer?

**Next meeting is September 9<sup>th</sup>.** If any needs arise over the summer, they will be presented and voted on via email.

Meeting was adjourned with Prayer.

Recorded by Cathy Meyer