

BOARD OF ELDERS

Crown of Life Lutheran Church

Meeting Minutes (FINAL)

January 3, 2023

The meeting opened at 8:30 AM with a prayer by Pastor Phill.

Elders in attendance: Carl Browning, Gerry Harpt, Tom Mertins, Robert Gaudinier, Jeff Holmes, Ron Mara, Al Stoudemire, Tim Krueger, Chris Beck, Dave Sawyer, Henry Munzinger and Mark Budensiek. Pastor Mark was absent.

Introductions

- New Elder Mark Budensiek was introduced.

Prior Meeting's Minutes

- The December 6, 2022 minutes were approved as written.

Bible Study

- "Lutheranism 101", Part 3, Chapter 8 "It's All About Jesus" was discussed in depth by all. Tom Mertins led the discussion. "Lutheranism 101", Chapter 9 "What is the Church" will be discussed at the February 7, 2023 Elder meeting with Pastor Mark leading the discussion.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor Gary Smith's mothers memorial service will be held January 17. All are welcome and Al Stoudemire will be the attending Elder.
- Due to over promises and under performance by the sound board supplier the new sound board will not be installed before February. A search is still underway for an IT person to replace Tim Gast.
- Due to sicknesses running through the Church in December, Pastors did very few communion calls. The number of calls will be increasing in January and February so if any of the Elders have home bound members needing a communion call, please let Holly know so that they may be placed on the schedule.
- Installation of Church officers, Elders, etc. will take place during the Sunday morning service on January 8th. All Elders are invited and new Elders should plan on attending to be welcome by the congregation.
- Pastor Phill will be out of the area during the week of January 23 – 30. Pastor will make arrangements for additional Pastoral staff to cover communion at both services the weekend of January 28 & 29.
- Sue Whitaker will be returning as the choir accompanist, after rehab from her broken arm, the week end of January 7th & 8th.

- Women’s Bible Study was discussed. It was made clear that any announcement needed to be made that participation was to be for woman only if the Bible Study was to be led by a woman.
- Future discussions will take place regarding women is positions of leadership (President/Vice President) of the Church Council.

Elder Zone Reports

- All reports were succinct with pertinent issues discussed. Monthly reports were available.

Council Report – Through November, 2022

Financials were presented:	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>(Over Budget)/Under Budget</u>
Income:	\$723,471	\$859,522	+ (\$136,051) overbudget income
Expenses	\$744,317	\$722,628	- \$ 21,689 underbudget expenses

Final determination of distribution of “excess” income will take place during the January Church Council meeting for distribution to the various “dedicated” funds.

Old Business

- The Christmas dinner distributed 217 meals. 90 were eat in/127 were take out. 39 volunteers assisted with the preparation and distribution. Dave Sawyer has been helping out with yearly Christmas dinners since 2003 and has spearheaded the effort for the past 10 to 15 years.
- Elders were asked to remember not to distribute Communion until after everyone was at the rail.
- Elder service schedules were discussed. Following is the updated Elder Service Schedule for January 2023 and February 2023:

JANUARY 2023 Duty Elder: Chris Beck

Jan. 7 th	Saturday	4:00 PM	Chris & Ron M.
Jan. 8 th	Sunday	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Chris & Gerry H. Tim K. & Bob G.
Jan. 21 st	Saturday	4:00 PM	Chris & Al S.
Jan. 22 nd	Sunday	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Chris & Gerry H. Mark B. & Bob G.

Jan. 28 th	Saturday	4:00 PM	Chris & Dave S.
Jan. 29 th	Sunday	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Chris & Bob G. Tim K. & Henry

Elder meeting Tuesday, January 3rd @ 8:30 AM

FEBRUARY 2023 Duty Elder: Dave Sawyer

Feb. 4 th	Saturday	4:00 PM	Dave S & Gerry H.
Feb. 12 th	Sunday	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Dave S & Bob G. Tom M. & Henry
Feb. 18 th	Saturday	4:00 PM	Dave S. & Al S
Feb. 22	Ash Wednesday	4:00 PM 7:00 PM	Tim K., Ron M., Jeff H., Al S., (Communion, Ash Placers) (4 Elders) Mark B., Dave S, Gerry H, Tom M. (Communion, Ash Placers) (4 Elders)
Feb. 26 th	Sunday	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Dave S. & Jeff H. Gerry H. & Henry

Elder meeting Tuesday, February 7th @ 8:30 AM

Ash Wednesday, February 22nd @ 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM (4 Elders/service – 2 Ash Placers/2 communion)

Note: Sunday 10:30 AM services are only necessary when Pastor institutes a second Sunday Service. Until then, this is only a scheduling tool.

New Business

- Church Council asked that each “Group” (Elders, Missions, Trustees, etc.) set goals for 2023
 - Initiate/continue closer contact with members via email, cards, phone calls, etc. (Henry suggested sending a “thank you” to each of our Zone members via formal card or email.
 - Request alternate addresses/phone contact information for “snow bird” members in each Zone.
 - More visibility at church services – when serving, “mingle” in the narthex, make your presence know at the doors and overall welcome all who attend.
 - Review individual spiritual priorities,

Comments for the Good of the Order

Birthday and Anniversaries Additions:

Holly Browning -January 2nd, Al Stoudemire - January 29th, Hollis Robbins - January 26th, Pastor Phill Robbins - February 1st

No Anniversaries this month

Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 7th at 8:30 AM. The closing prayer will be led by Chris Beck

Closing Prayer today:

- Dave Sawyer
- The meeting closed at 9:57 AM

Respectfully submitted:

Chris Beck

Elder Secretary