

Crown of Life Council Minutes

January 18, 2023

Attendees – Pastor Phill, Pastor Mark, Gene Kuebler, Tom Leshney, Greg Harwood, Sheila Mecham, Tom Mertins, Gene Axelson, Bon Hammann, Linda Sawyer, Lynne Rose

Meeting called to order at 8:27am by Tom Leshney. Meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Phill.

Motion made, seconded and passed to approve minutes from December 21, 2022 Council Meeting.

Pastor Mark's Report –

Pastor updated Council on his Outreach Focus, mentioning several options including bringing in a professional organization for training and an intention evangelism-focused sermon series. After much discussion, Pastor was asked to develop several 'starting points' - with a clarification of the goals of the outreach process.

Pastor Phill's Report –

The second of two Endowment Fund Information meetings will be held later this morning.

Pastor asked Council to approve a motion to grant permission for both Pastor Mark, Gene Kuebler and himself to submit names of potential candidates to the LCMS convention. Linda Sawyer made the motion, and Tom Leshney seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Pastor will be gone January 28-29 and Pastor Jeff Ehlers from Garuna Foundation will be preaching and leading Bible class.

Treasurer's Report – Greg Harwood

Greg presented the need to approve Pastor Vern's housing allowance. Motion was made to approve the allowance by Tom Mertins and seconded by Gene Kuebler. Motion passed.

The preliminary 2022 year-end financial report was reviewed. Crown of Life remains in good financial standing.

Greg presented the recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding the disbursement of the 2022 overage.

Motion was made by Sheila Mecham to accept the recommendation as presented by the Finance Committee. Motion seconded by Tom Mertins. Motion passed.

Greg and Holly will close the 2022 books on 1/20/23.

Treasurer initiatives for 2023 –

1. Finance Committee will meet at least quarterly this year, and investments will continue to be reviewed regularly.
2. The Finance Committee will be involved more actively with the Endowment Fund Committee.
3. Intentional training is being implemented for the Assistant Treasurer, so she has a fuller understanding of the duties of the treasurer.

President's Report – Gene Kuebler

Gene expressed his compliments to the Mission Board for their commitment to accurate accounting of the Mission Funds.

The first Endowment Meeting generated a good conversation, allowing concerned members to both be heard and to have their questions answered. Gene believes this particular couple now has clarification that the changes made were to establish needed guidelines and procedures.

The Endowment Fund Committee will be bringing forward names of potential members to Council for approval soon.

Gene also recommended all Council members consider attending Best Practices Ministry Conference (Feb. 16-18 at Christ Lutheran Phoenix). Website - <https://cclphoenix.org/bpm/>

The Campus Enhancement Committee has been created and includes Tom Leshney, Linda Sawyer and Bob Hammann.

Financial Secretary – Sheila Mecham

Dale Johnson has joined the group of counters.

Elders – Tom Mertins

The two new elders are reaching out to their members.

Elder Initiatives –

1. Closer contact with members
2. Increased visibility at church events
3. Assisting with ushering when needed
4. Reviewing individual spiritual priorities

Mission Board – Gene Axelson

Initiatives –

1. Keeping Holly better informed of upcoming payment dates
2. Keeping the congregation aware of the people and organizations who are being supported by their generosity

Trustees – Bob Hammann

Initiatives –

1. Creation of a procedural and resource handbook (including suppliers and the 'how-to' of set-up for church events)
2. Coordinating with Care Ministry to create a binder of 'categories' that includes individuals able to assist in specific areas of need.

Member-at-Large – Linda Sawyer

The Christmas Dinner was again a success – with special thanks to the organizational skills of Dave and Linda Sawyer! 226 were served!

The relationship with Schole Academy continues to grow, especially in the area of prayer support for the children and families. The leaders of the school recently sent 'thank you' notes to those who supplied cookies

for the children as they prepared for the Advent Service, expressing how blessed they feel to be so warmly welcomed at COL!

Linda also suggested that the Care Ministry be intentional linked to the prayer ministry, so that those in need can be lifted in prayer as well as receiving physical or logistical assistance.

Old Business – Gene Kuebler

Gene again brought up the need to find an AV Tech to replace Tim Gast, who is stepping down as of January 31st. A comprehensive job description needs to be created that includes all aspects of the 'tech' support COL currently needs and may need in the future. There was some discussion about this becoming a full-time position. This will be further discussed by Pastor and the Leadership Team.

New Business – none

Motion to adjourn at 10:45am was made, seconded and passed.

Closing Prayer offered by Lynne Rose.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynne Rose, Recording Secretary

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