

CROWN OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
MISSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2022 @ 9:00 am

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

Board Members Absent: Carl Browning

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Phill

The minutes to the May meeting were approved

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Phill indicated that he didn't have much to share.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Gene K.):

Gene shared the following:

1. Endowment Fund – A small committee has been working with Gene to help develop the Endowment Document. The document is in the final draft phase and will be given to the Church Council shortly. It will be reviewed in October and be ready to present to the congregation in November. If approved, financial management will be the responsibility of the Finance Committee while a yet to be formed Endowment Committee will be established and will determine disbursements independent of the Church Council.
2. New Officers – There are several positions that will need to be selected for approval in the November Voters meeting.

FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT

The latest Financial Report was sent out by Darlene prior to the meeting. There seemed to be some confusion about how much was already given to North Valley Christian Academy. Darleen will re-check numbers.

There was also a question about the amount shown for Concordia Nebraska. Since we gave them our entire donation in the spring when they were here to visit, the report should indicate that.

Diane asked about where funds for enhancements to the church come from. It was explained that they either come from Memorial Funds or from the Endowment Fund.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Pamphlet from Lutheran Hour Ministries: Changing Lives Around the World
- Pamphlet from Lutheran Hour Ministries: Global Gospel Outreach
- Thank you letter from Lutheran Hour Ministries re recent donation
- Thank you letters from Mission Central, re donations for Missionaries
- Thank you letter from Mission of Christ Network, re donation for Adam Lee

- Letter from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, thanking COL for recent donation, and advising that student Kevin Hempe will not be returning to the seminary, and advising that they will assign a new student in the Fall
- Thank you letters from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis re donation for Adopt-A-Student program
- Report from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis regarding their Student Recruitment program
- Two E-mails from Christ's Care for Children: Kenya/Project 24
- Brochure from Valley Lutheran High School, Phoenix, AZ
- Letter from Tyler McMiller, missionary serving Italy
- E-mail from missionary Adam Lehman serving in Puerto Rico
- E-mail from missionary Martin & Marie Dickie serving in Papua New Guinea
- E-mail from missionary Paul Nelson serving in Indonesia
- E-mail from Jay Brinkmeyer, Trinity Hope, feeding children in Haiti
- Post card from missionary Michael Paul, serving in Taiwan
- Form letters/receipt from Concordia U., Irvine, CA for scholarship
- Form letter/receipt from Cross-cultural Ministry, Concordia U., Irvine CA
- Form letters/receipts from LCMS, St. Louis for recent missionary donations
- Brochures from Valley Lutheran High School, Saginaw, MI
- Brochures from AbleLight (Bethesda Lutheran Homes) Watertown, WI
- Letter from Trinity Lutheran Preschool, Cortez, CO requesting grant
- Letter from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Bristol, TN requesting grant

Gene drew our attention to the information from Valley Lutheran High School in Saginaw Michigan.

Pastor Mark suggested a bulletin board or something in the Narthex that tells everyone where we support. It was pointed out the Gene Axelson does that with a table and display a couple of times a year.

Diane wanted to point out the letter from Concordia Seminary St. Louis on the recruiting program that she brought to the board last spring.

Gene pointed out that as we start getting our budget together for next year, we consider successes and different organizations progress for future funds.

OLD BUSINESS:

Duties and Responsibilities – Diane sent suggested changes.

ACTION ITEM: Everyone please review the suggested changes and be ready for final approval and next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Budget Preparation – We have been very blessed with money from Congregational Overage. As we consider the new budget, we shouldn't let the money just sit. It was intended to be used!
- New Request – Trinity Preschool, Cortez, CO (see hand-out). They seem to be very good with the money they have and share with us how they use previous donations.

Motion: Gene A. made a motion that we support Trinity Preschool in Cortez, CO with a donation of \$3000 from Dedicated Funds. This will meet their request of \$1983.97 for the bathroom partitions, with the remainder to be used for scholarships.

The motion was carried.

Gene Axelson will write the letter to accompany the check.

It was noted how much it is appreciated that Trinity, Cortez spell out their needs and also share how our previous contribution was used. That should be the expectation of all requests.

- Gene indicated that he is expecting requests from both Trinity Lutheran School (Litchfield Park, AZ) and Word of Life Preschool (Surprise, AZ) but has not heard anything.
- We received a request from Holy Trinity in Bristol, TN. They are nearing the end of their construction, and the city is requiring a culvert be added (\$50,000 cost) before they can receive an occupancy permit at the church.

Motion: A motion that we support Holy Trinity in Bristol, TN with a donation of \$1500 from Mission Support (unspecified). It will not meet their goal, but it will help.

The motion was carried.

Gene Axelson will write the letter to accompany the check.

- Proposed budget – Gene presented a proposal for next year’s budget. It included an increase of the District Pledge from \$23,000 to \$24,000 ; Increase Valley Lutheran High School from \$18,000 to \$24,000 bringing the Scholarship sub-total to \$72,000; zero out all line items under Mission Support (to be determined next year) bringing Mission Support Sub-total to \$40,000; and finally plan on continuing our support of Paul Nelson and Tyler McMiller again next year at \$10,000 each from Dedicated Funds.

The following will be submitted to Church Council:

Mission Pledge / District	\$24,000
Scholarships	\$72,000
Mission Support	<u>\$40,000</u>
Total:	\$136,000

Motion: A motion was made and seconded that the above budget be submitted to Church Council for 2023. The motion was carried.

Next meeting is October 9th. @ 9am

Meeting was adjourned with Prayer by Pastor Mark.

Recorded by Cathy Meyer