

CROWN OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
MISSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2022 @ 9:00 am

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

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Phill

Introductions were made to new board member Jim Drake – WELCOME!

The minutes to the September meeting were approved

FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT

The latest Financial Report was provided and reviewed.

PASTOR’S REPORT:

Pastor Phill announced that the council has decided that the overage for 2022 will not be disbursed as it has in the past. Instead it will be set aside in a dedicated account in anticipation of 2023 to be a lower total contribution due to the economy.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT (Gene K.):

Gene shared the following:

Endowment Fund – The document has been written, it has been reviewed by the Church Council and a updated document will be presented to the Council for approval this month. Once approved, it will be shared at the next Voters meeting.

SPECIAL GUEST: Tim Gast from Valley Lutheran High School (VLHS)

First and foremost, Tim wanted to say “Thank-You!” to CoL for their faithful support of the school. They currently have 130 students but are poised for growth.

He reviewed the STO Program and how it will be impacted by the new expanded school voucher system.

Current tuition at VLHS is \$11,200, the average that students pay is \$5500/ year, and already 1/3 of the student body is paid in full, largely due to STOs.

Much of the scholarship funds that COL has provided in the past goes to provide a 50% tuition discount for all students of Called Workers. Next year, because of the voucher program, they potentially can be 100% free tuition.

Overall VLHS budget is \$2.1 Million.

Much of that is because of past building projects.

2006 the gym was built.

2016 the academic wing was built.

{Both were accomplished **without** a capital campaign}

This is the 3rd year in a row that they are operating with a balance budget.

ANYONE from COL is welcome to visit! Tim would love to host a mission board meeting and show us around!

There are currently 5 congregations in the association, which are all helping in different ways. Tim would really like to see that expand.

Tim had provided the Mission Board with a 'wish list' of things we could consider supporting. He was asked which of the items on the list would get more students into seats. He explained that right now, when he walks prospective students and parents through, the halls don't tell the story. Media displays for the hallways. VLHC has been Christ-Centered for 4 decades, that needs to be obvious when you walk in the door and walk around campus!

He was also asked about staff: All but 2 of the 14 teaching staff are called. The 2 are life-long Lutherans, just not Called.

35% of the families don't have a church home – outreach!

Thanks, Tim, for taking the time from your busy schedule to come and share with us!

Motion: Between last meeting and this, Gene sent an email asking if we wanted to support the victims of hurricane Ian. A proposal was made and seconded to send \$13,000. To provide formal approval, it was voted on and approved to send \$13,000 from dedicated funds to the Florida-Georgia district of the LCMS for use in hurricane Ian recovery efforts.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

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1. E-mail from Paul Nelson, missionary serving in Indonesia
2. E-mail from Jay Brinkmeyer, Trinity Hope, feeding children in Haiti
3. E-mail from seminary student Eric Bear, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
4. E-mail from Christ's Care for Children: Kenya/Project 24
5. Garuma Ministries, Cambodia
6. E-mail from Adam Lehman, missionary serving in Puerto Rico
7. Letter from Student Adoption Program, Fort Wayne Seminary
8. Letter from seminary student David Grasc, Fort Wayne Seminary
9. Report from Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Louis, Greater Things Program
10. Project list from Valley Lutheran High School, Phoenix
11. Brochure from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

OLD BUSINESS:

Duties and Responsibilities

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Preparation – Be prepared to discuss in November our budget, consider who we might want to support, and who we might want to discontinue/reduce support. Gene provided the following list for consideration:

- Possible donation to Trinity Lutheran Preschool, Litchfield, AZ
- Possible donation to Word of Life Preschool, Surprise, AZ
- Possible donation to AbleLight (Bethesda Lutheran Homes) Watertown, WI
- Possible donation to Valley Lutheran High School, Saginaw, MI
- Possible donation to Valley Lutheran High School, Phoenix for one item on their project list

Garuna Ministries – Pastor Mark drew our attention to the handout. They are based in Cambodia, have built 7 schools & churches. Cambodia is one of the countries with the smallest percentage of Christians per capita. They will be here to speak on January 28-29, 2023.

Carl mentioned how his previous church would have a “organization of the month” where they had special offering collected in support of that organization. It might be a way to get people in the congregation to be more directly involved and mission minded.

Next meeting is November 11th. @ 9am

Meeting was adjourned with Prayer by Pastor Mark.

Recorded by Cathy Meyer