

CROWN OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
MISSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 11, 2022 @ 9:00 am

Board Members Present: Gene Axelson
Jim Drake
John Thomas
Marilyn Engelken
Diane Hammann
Pastor Mark
Pastor Phill
Cathy Meyer
Gene Kuebler was not able to attend

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Phill

The minutes to the October meeting were approved with the following clarifications:

The Board was told that, unlike previous years, a percentage of the year's where non-spent budgeted funds (overage) were allocated to the mission board, this year those funds will not be allocated, but held. In light of the current economic situation, it may be required for future operating expenses and the treasurer felt it was prudent to hold it in the event it was needed.

There was also a request for clarification as to what is the difference between "Word of Life Preschool" and "Surprise Christian Preschool"? Surprise Christian Preschool is not affiliated with Word of Life Lutheran Church. It is run and many of the teachers/administration were once associated with Word of Life, but after a falling out, they left and started their own preschool.

FINANCIAL / BUDGET REPORT

The latest Financial Report was not provided, an updated report will be prepared and sent out via email. There were a couple of addition errors in the October report that will be corrected before it is sent. The current Dedicated Fund balance is \$77,000.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Gene K.):

Gene K. was not able to attend, so no report given.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence has been received and copies were shared with members:

1. E-mail from Paul Nelson, missionary serving in Indonesia
2. E-mail from Tyler McMiller, missionary serving in Italy
3. Letter from seminary student Tanner Sutcliffe, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
4. E-mail from Trinity Hope, Haiti
5. Thank you note from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Bristol, TN

OLD BUSINESS:

Duties and Responsibilities – it was pointed out that this was waiting for Pastor Phill's review and approval.

ACTION ITEM: Cathy will resurface the latest version and provide it to Pastor Phill.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Gene Axelson's Report:

For several years the Mission Board has not contributed to the Chaplain's fund in St. Louis. There are a lot of veterans in our congregation. We should consider providing some support.

It was pointed out that the Chaplaincy has changed so much over the years, they are much more limited in what they can do, prayer is their greatest need! Eric Bear (one of the seminary students we support) has decided to be a chaplain.

Valley Lutheran High School – there was a short discussion for clarification regarding some of the items that are on their 'wish list'. Also, as a supporting church, we have a great opportunity to go see the school (we have been invited to ride the bus down, have a light dinner, tour and attend their dessert theater). It was requested that it be announced at each of the services to get more people interested in attending.

Budget Preparation -- There was discussion about how to spend the money. Does it make sense to hold some money, reducing amounts previously given? Tuition at the two Seminaries is free, however room & board are not. Tuition is not free for the program at Irvine. Irvine is in Pacific SW District so we like to support it.

Seward, Nebraska produces the largest number of pre-ministry students, and we have a number of alumni within the congregation, so we like to support it.

December meeting is suspended. If any emergency arises, it will be coordinated via email.

ACTION ITEM: It was proposed and agreed that Pastor Phill, Pastor Mark & Gene Axelson get together and come back with a proposal of expenditures. They will meet in lieu of the December meeting and bring the proposal for the January meeting

Next meeting is January 13th (2023). @ 9am

Meeting was adjourned with Prayer by Pastor Mark.

Recorded by Cathy Meyer