

Crown of Life Lutheran Church

Voter's Meeting – May 15, 2022 – Final

Meeting was called to order at 10:18am by President Gene Kuebler.

Meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Phill.

Minutes from the November 21, 2021 Voter's meeting and the special Call meeting on April 3, 2022 were approved by the attendees, following the motion and second to accept the minutes as submitted.

President's Report – Gene Kuebler

Gene briefly reviewed the three priorities set forth in the Task Force report and the status of each at this point in time.

The first priority of redefining the role of Associate Pastor is now complete as we look forward to the arrival of Pastor Airey, who has accepted the call to serve at COL.

The second priority is to reevaluate the purpose of and to establish policies/procedures for the Endowment Fund. A task force is to be created to address these points during the summer, with the goal of presenting the new guidelines and beginning the educational process for the congregation at the November Voter's Meeting. Gene asked those with endowment experience and a passion for visioning for expanded mission opportunities to please contact him for consideration as members of this task force.

Finally, Gene shared the progress that has been made on 'ministry enhancement', which includes both the improvement to our physical plant and the exploration of further ministry outreach.

Treasurer's Report – Greg Harwood

Greg reviewed the overall financial position of the congregation. Through the generosity of our members, COL continues to be blessed and is in a strong healthy position.

Additionally, Greg reported that a number of changes have been made to the policies and procedures of the Finance Committee, as recommended during the annual Financial Procedure Review. These changes have provided a more comprehensive and intentional weekly and monthly process to ensure the verification of all accounts along with 'checks and balances' now in place to protect our financial officers and volunteers.

The Comparative Financial Statement covering the first 4 months of 2022 show that giving continues to be above budgeted amounts and expenses are in line with expectations.

Bettie Orr has stepped in as the new Assistant Treasurer and brings a wealth of experience to the role.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Phill

Pastor commended the Finance Committee for their implementation of the new procedures to ensure financial integrity for our congregation. He stated, “we are well-served by our financial volunteers and officers.”

Pastor also commended the recent work of the Trustees as they remain committed to the care of our property.

Pastor did inform the congregation that we will see an increase in the participation of the elders during the summer months, as we await the arrival of Pastor Airey. Pastor expects that arrival to be sometime in August.

Pastor was asked about any new ministries that may be coming to COL. He responded that Pastor Airey has shared several ideas he would like to introduce to COL, so this will be explored once Pastor Airey settles in. Additionally, Pastor mentioned our new CARE program, led by Lola Leshney. There will be more information about this in the summer edition of Jewels.

Financial Secretary, Duane Neal, submitted a written report.

Elders – Tom Mertins

A written report was submitted by Tom, and one correction was made to it. Tom Johnson has moved to Minnesota, not Wisconsin. Tom also thanked the Call Committee for their diligence and excellence throughout the call process.

Missions – Gene Axelson submitted a written report.

Trustees – Bob Hammann

Bob thanked Joe Jellison for stepping in during his recent medical leave and submitting a written report. Bob added that the trustees had overseen the improvement to the courtyard area and the columbarium. The drywall repairs above the altar will be completed in June. He did ask if someone might be able to stain and seal the new doors in the pastors' offices.

Old Business – none

New Business – none

Meeting adjourned at 11:05am. The Doxology was sung as the closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynne Rose, Recording Secretary

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