

Crown of Life Council Minutes

February 15, 2023

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

Absent – Gene Axelsen

Meeting called to order at 8:28am. Pastor Mark opened with a short devotion and prayer.

The Minutes from the January 18, 2023, meeting were approved.

Pastors' Reports -

Pastor Mark – Care Ministry is going well – Christine has developed a recording and reporting system. His surgery is scheduled for tomorrow.

Pastor Phill – He will be meeting with a potential AV person this afternoon. He is preparing to begin a weekly Bible Study at The Park Retirement Center.

Holly will be clearing old minutes (from years ago) from the website. One year's minutes will be kept for all boards and committees on the website.

Pastor would like to clarify the use for Memorial Funds. Typically, these funds have been accessed for items used in worship – paraments, altar guild vessels, etc. A request was set before the Council to use \$1000 to support the planned upcoming VBS. The target audience for VBS will be our Schole school families and friends as well as grandchildren of our members.

In discussing the Parable of the Pews, Pastor has asked leaders who are able to do so to park in the back row and sit in the front rows. The overall response to the Parable was favorable.

Treasurer – Greg Harwood

All accounts have been reconciled as of December 31, 2022. We remain in a strong financial position, thanks to the blessing of the LORD.

Greg brought to the attention of the Council the fact that First Citizen's Bank is now charging us for many of the services that had been offered free of charge. The Finance Committee is exploring options at other local banks and will bring their recommendation to Council very soon.

Financial Statements were distributed for the period ending January 31, 2023.

Budgeted Receipts	\$72, 780	Actual Receipts	\$95,475
Budgeted Expenses	\$74,477	Actual Expenses	\$48,185*

\*Actual Expenses do not include Health Benefits for January due to a billing delay.

President - Gene Kuebler

Several members have approached Gene regarding returning to two services on Sundays. At this point in time, there is no plan to do so. The reasons for this decision will be shared with the congregation in Jewels by Pastor Phill.

Financial Secretary – Sheila Mecham

Sheila has a full staff and things are going well. She has asked that the trustees be reminded of their responsibilities on Sunday mornings regarding the secure handling of the offering.

Board Reports -

Elders – Tom Mertins – Tom shared he too had been approached about the return of a second service on Sundays.

Missions – No Report

Trustees – Bob Hammann

The Schedule has been set for all Lenten services. The east side doors will be refinished soon. A Plumbing issue was addressed. Sheila asked that the Trustee Schedule for Sundays be sent to her.

Member-At-Large – Linda Sawyer – no report

Old Business -

1. The Enhancement Committee will be meeting for the third time this afternoon (2-15-23). Tom Leshney shared that they have met several times and have walked the property with 'new eyes'. The committee is preparing a list of recommended enhancements for preliminary approval to the Leadership Team (Pastor Phill, Pastor Mark, Gene K. Tom Leshney and Greg Harwood). The Committee will then work with contractors to solicit proposals that would include costs and projected time to complete. The Leadership Team will then submit the projects it recommends to the Council for final approval.

2. CPR training went well last week.

New Business – none

Meeting adjourned at 10:10am. Pastor Phill closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynne Rose, Recording Secretary

February 24, 2023.

Edited with additional information regarding the Enhancement Committee from Tom Leshney on February 25, 2023.