

Crown of Life Council Minutes

April 19, 2023

Attendees: Pastor Phill, Pastor Mark, Tom Leshney, Greg Harwood, Gene Kuebler, Sheila Mecham. Tom Mertins, Gene Axelson, Bob Hammann, Lynne Rose

Absent: Linda Sawyer

Meeting called to order at 8:31am by Gene Kuebler and opened with prayer by Pastor Mark.

Minutes for the March 15, 2023, meeting were accepted as submitted.

PASTORS' Reports

Pastor Phill -

Pastor will be traveling to Co for Janna Thiel's memorial service. vacation plans are in place for both pastors to ensure coverage.

Attendance in the fall (once our snowbirds return) may necessitate the return to two Sunday services.

Mila Boesen will be confirmed at the Saturday, May 20th service.

Pastor is contacting several firms regarding conducting a full audit. The Council gave permission for our financial information to be sent to obtain an estimate for the cost. Projections are between \$10-\$20K, which will be presented to the congregation to be included in the 2024 budget. The audit is expected to begin in January 2024 of the 2023 budget year.

Our Liability insurance carrier has updated our coverage amounts, reflective of the increase in property values. Pastor has contacted the carrier for the stained-glass windows to update that amount as well.

The Spring Congregational Meeting will be May 7th. All reports are due to Holly by 4/21/23. Packets will be available on April 29th and 30th.

Pastor Mark -

The first VBS Volunteer meeting was held on April 18th.

The Strategic Plan for Outreach will be presented at the may Council meeting.

TREASURER – Greg Harwood

Reports attached.

Contributions continue to be above monthly budgeted amounts. The relationship with the new bank is working well.

The quarterly review has been completed.

The Finance Committee met on April 18, 2023. The following recommendations are presented to Council for approval:

To close the following LCEF accounts –

Jumbo Fixed 5-year Note;

Partner Plus 2-year Note: and

Partner Plus 4-year Note.

The proceeds from these funds are to be distributed in these new LCEF accounts:

Partner Plus 2-year Note – deposit of \$50,000

Partner Plus 4-year Note – deposit of \$50,000

Jumbo Fixed 5-year Note – remaining amount of disbursed funds from the closing of the three accounts listed above.

PLEASE NOTE – The penalty for early withdrawal of these funds from the accounts being closed will be recouped within months due to the higher interest rates of the new accounts.

Motion made to accept the Finance Committee recommendations by Greg Harwood, seconded by Gene Axelson, and approved by Council.

The Financial Procedures Review Committee has completed their annual review and has presented their recommendations to the Finance Committee. The recommendations were accepted with minor changes by the Finance Committee. The Financial Procedures Review Committee members will be thanked publicly for their work at the May Congregational meeting.

Gene Kuebler publicly thanked Greg for his excellent overseeing of the finances of the church!

PRESIDENT – Gene Kuebler

Gene will not be at the May meeting. Tom Leshney will step in to facilitate it.

Gene asked Tom Leshney to inform the Council of the recommendations of the Enhancement Committee.

The following items were shared:

The list of proposed enhancements was shared with the Leadership Team. Cost estimates for several projects are being secured, including electronic signage, landscaping updates, restroom improvements (new countertops and sinks and updated lighting), painting the sanctuary, movable dividers for the parish hall, updated countertops in the chapel, and screening the windows behind the sound booth.

Additional major improvements were discussed and will be explored in coming meetings.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY – Sheila Mecham

No report but all proceeding as well.

MISSIONS – Gene Axelson

Report attached. Highlights include that a scholarship for church workers has been established for students attending Concordia- Ann Arbor. Two thousand dollars has been granted to Garuna Ministries.

ELDERS – Tom Mertins

The Board of Elders will meet in May. They will resume meeting in October.

TRUSTEES – Bob Hammann

Bob is getting bids for the re-staining of the wooden church doors. He is also obtaining bids for the painting and cool decking proposed by the Enhancement Committee.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE – No Report

Old Business – none

New Business -

The Council will meet in May, which will be the last regular scheduled meeting until September. Special meetings may be held to address specific issues over the summer.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:43am. Meeting closed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynne Rose

4-24-23

edited on 4-25-23 with two corrections made