

CROWN OF LIFE VOTER'S MEETING

May 7, 2023

Meeting called to order at 10:22am by Vice-President Tom Leshney.

Meeting opened with devotion (1 Peter 5:5ff) and prayer by Pastor Phill.

A motion was made to approve the Minutes as presented for the November 2022 Voters' Meeting by Bettie Ore. Motion was seconded by Pastor Vern. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S Report – Greg Harwood

The Comparative Financial Statement through April 30, 2023, was presented. The congregation is blessed to remain in a strong financial position thanks to the faithful giving of its members.

Greg provided a review of the 2022 year-end finances.

The 2022 Financial Procedure Review Committee has completed their annual review of COL's procedures and submitted their recommendations to the Finance Committee. The majority of the recommendations involved a clarification of terms, as well as considering an annual outside audit. Pastor Phill is exploring options regarding an audit. At this point, the estimated cost could be between 10K and 20K. The research will continue and will be shared with the congregation at the November meeting.

Greg also shared that the Finance Committee has begun the creation of a formal Financial Procedures Manual. This manual will detail the checks and balances that are in place to ensure complete transparency and accountability of all aspects of the church's finances. The procedures addressed include the processing of weekly donations, reconciliation of income and expenses, check writing and bank balances. Further work on this manual will continue and will be presented to the Finance Committee and reported to the Council before the November Voters' Meeting.

Finally, Greg shared that the church has recently changed banks. The checking account and Money Market account are now at Western Bank in Sun City West.

PASTORS' Report

Pastor Phill -

Membership now stands at approximately 675.

Pastor thanked the Finance Committee for their diligent attention to detail regarding procedures to ensure financial accountability.

Pastor answered a variety of questions from members.

Pastor Mark -

The Strategic Plan for Outreach will be presented to the Church Council at the May meeting. Pastor referred to the demographic changes that are occurring in Sun City West – including an influx of ‘younger’ residents and the incorporation of new ideas to attract them to COL while holding fast to our liturgical heritage as an LCMS congregation.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Tom Leshney

Tom presented a summary of the recent work of the Enhancement Committee. He thanked the members – Cheryl Budensiek, Tom Ore, Annie Somermeyer, Bob Hammann, Linda Sawyer – for their dedication and service. The task of the Enhancement Committee was to view the church property with ‘new eyes’ and prioritize both short-term beautification projects and long-term major projects.

A list of suggested projects was presented to the Leadership Team and recommendations were made. Committee members are obtaining bids for the short-term projects. Progress will be reported to the Leadership Team and to the Council.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Meeting Adjourned at 11:34am and closed in prayer by Pastor Mark.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynne Rose

Recording Secretary

5-10-2023