

# ***CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES***

## ***Crown of Life Lutheran Church***

***April 8, 2011***

Vice President Bill Stark called the monthly Council meeting to order. Pastor Phill began the meeting with prayer. Those members present at this meeting were Pastor Phill, Vicar Gary, Daryl Irmer, Bill Stark, Dan Mehner, Lowell Koelling, Ron Pearson, Bob Gehrke, and Jerry McCall. Bob Mansfield and Howard Ludden were absented.

Guests: None

**The Minutes of the March 15<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting were mentioned, but no action was taken.**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:** (Dan Mehner reported)

- He reported that basically he has the same report as last month, because we have not received the bank statement for March as yet and the books are not closed.
- The February, 2011 Comparative Financial Statement and Balance Sheet will be distributed at the April 10 Voters Meeting.
- A question was asked about the flow of contributions as reported in the Jewels and if there was any different feeling about that today. The answer was that what was reported then is still relevant today.

### **FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:** (Lowell Koelling reported)

- He has nothing to report at this time.

### **BOARD OF ELDERS:** (Ron Pearson reported)

- Ron reported that he had a very positive meeting with the people involved about the volume of the organ music.
- The Elders talked about starting going back to two services after summer. They decided that instead of starting October 1<sup>st</sup> they would go start October 30<sup>th</sup>, which will be

36 Reformation Sunday. This decision was made because during October the two services  
37 are sparsely attended. October 30<sup>th</sup> will also be a communion Sunday.  
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40 **BOARD FOR STEWARDSHIP:** (Vacant)

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  - Nothing to report at this time.  
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45 **BOARD FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ASSIMILATION:** (Bob Gehrke)

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  - Nothing to report at this time.  
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50 **BOARD OF MISSIONS:** (Jerry McCall)

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  - Nothing new to report at this time.  
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55 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** (Bob Mansfield was absent)

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58 **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** (Daryl Irmer reported)

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  - No special report today.  
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63 **VICAR GARY'S REPORT:** (Vicar Gary reported)

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  - He will miss the congregational meeting, as he will be going back to St. Louis to attend  
66 classes. They will be meeting with Dr. Dale Meyer, starting at noon on Monday. One of  
67 the activities that the residential students do every Friday afternoon is they have a session  
68 where one of the professors is put on the podium and the students get to 'grill' him.  
69 There is going to be one Monday and the SMP students will get to experience that.

70 Tuesday will be spent at the International Center. They have a meeting scheduled with  
71 President Harrison. The rest of the week they will be involved with classes.

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74 **PASTOR'S REPORT:** (Pastor Phill)

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- 76 • He has no parochial report or anything of that nature at this time.
  - 77 • Regional Mission Council Board met Monday. It was interesting conversation, as  
78 circumstances continue to press down on missions in the district and churches in this  
79 region. Pastor received a letter from Rich Eichmann, which he will share with those  
80 involved, with some suggestions on how we may be of some blessing to them. The  
81 District is going to close one of the extant missions in this Region and look to reorganize  
82 a little bit in the future. One of the things they did decide to do his to gather the Regional  
83 pastors, when the pastors' District meeting happens in September and to say look this is  
84 an opportunity for you guys, anybody interested in being part of the missions start, let's  
85 think about reorganizing and how we do it.

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88 **OLD BUSINESS:** (Bob Gehrke)

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- 90 • Bob stated that if he was to have the last several weeks over again, he would change two  
91 things. One is that he would have changed the package that was given as handouts to  
92 make them more complete. The intent is to have two proposals to the voters. One is the  
93 reformatting and restating of the Constitution and the Bylaws and the second is the  
94 proposed changes in the qualifications for office. Unfortunately, the first proposal only  
95 was included in the handout. The second proposal said first proposal up here. For the  
96 second proposal he would have ran that differently. He would have added that to it. The  
97 second one describes more of the change of the qualifications for office and use more  
98 rational for it. It would show basically how we are structured here in the congregation.  
99 The second thing that he would have differently, is that Constitution appears here  
100 contains the revised part of the proposed revisions to the qualifications on Page 5 of 6.  
101 Where this is a change. This change is actually being proposed next and he should not  
102 have had in here. I should have retained it in this particular document here; the current  
103 statement of what we have. Then we could have acted on the restating of the  
104 Constitution and Bylaws. Then gotten that over with and then gone into the second  
105 proposal, which is the change in the qualifications for office. So those two things are  
106 separate, they are intended to be separate. The mistake was putting the end result in here.  
107 This causes less clarity of what we are trying to do instead of what we would like to have  
108 had. As far as Bob is concerned we are still on track. We have given in writing two  
109 weeks in advance to the members of what is being discussed; even though it was not

110 given in the way he thinks that it should have been given to them. But they have all the  
111 information, so he thinks as far as procedurally he thinks everything has gone fine. He  
112 feels we are okay; such that he would think on Sunday at the meeting that we would then  
113 go back and treat these two things separately as they were intended to be treated. We  
114 would discuss the first proposal, which is to restate the Constitution and Bylaws and to  
115 eliminate some of the internal functions from those documents and create another  
116 manual, which has these policies of description of duties and things of that nature.  
117 Present that as the first presentation, as according to the Constitution, we need to make  
118 that change to the Constitution. We have to present it twice in consecutive Voters  
119 Assemblies. This will be the first presentation. In the fall we will come back and present  
120 it again and a vote will be taken on it at that time. His hope is that both of the proposals  
121 will be looked at, studied, commented on, discussed, and whatever else needs to be done  
122 between the two meetings, so that we will have a clear understanding at what is  
123 happening. And then we will be able to present them again in the fall, and then have the  
124 voters decide on which course of action to take, to accept it or not accept it. A discussion  
125 ensued about the second proposal and about the presentation and voting procedure. This  
126 was clarified to everyone's satisfaction. Even though the packaging of the proposals  
127 should have been different. It is felt we are still on course to make the presentation at this  
128 Voters Assembly. On the cover sheet it does indicate that we are inviting written  
129 comments be turned within thirty days after the April, 2011, Voters Assembly meeting.  
130 As people come into the meeting they will be given the second proposal. During this  
131 coming meeting the congregation will be asked to keep their comments brief, as they will  
132 have a chance at the November, 2011, Voters Assembly meeting to have a more of a  
133 lengthy discussion on any concerns, questions, etc. It was mentioned that possibly a  
134 "town hall" type meeting be scheduled to go over the written comments, etc. A  
135 conversation was held regarding this idea. It was talked about holding this type of  
136 meeting possibly during one of the Sunday bible classes. It was also mentioned that if  
137 the proposals are approved, they do not become effective until the date the Board of  
138 Directors for the Southwest District approve the changes. There will be several different  
139 items that will be voted upon in November; i.e., proposed changes to the Constitution and  
140 Bylaws and the change to the officers' qualification; budget; election of officers; and a  
141 call for Vicar Gary to serve Crown of Life congregation as an ordained pastor. Bob will  
142 cover I Timothy 2:12, which indicates women should be silent and should not have  
143 authority over men. I Timothy 3 then delineate the offices of the church and indicate  
144 which ones should be held by males. I Timothy 2:11 statement applied to all matters of  
145 the church, not just the ecclesial, but also the temporal. This seems to indicate in  
146 positions of ecclesial duties that they be held only by males, but in areas of temporal  
147 positions the view seems that anyone can hold those offices within the church. There is a  
148 scriptural side to this issue and a social side to this issue.

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153 **NEW BUSINESS:** (Daryl Irmer)

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- 155 • Daryl raised the subject about the people doing the financial review are currently known  
156 as Financial Review Committee. It is his opinion that is not a good descriptive name for  
157 that job that needs to be done, because it seems to indicate an audit. We cannot do audits  
158 as we are not really qualified for that and financial review along those lines would say we  
159 are going to see if the financial books have been properly kept. With the computers  
160 today with their programs does the whole thing. In his opinion that review that happens  
161 should be reviewing procedures; are things going through the proper procedure to get  
162 where they belong in our records, our books, even to the point of checking employee  
163 procedures on how they are conducting things. There is a need for a review each year,  
164 but Daryl thinks it should be called a Financial and Procedural Review. That is what he  
165 asked the committee this year to do; not to sit down and check the posting of the figures,  
166 because the computer is going to do that in the right way. This would be taken out of the  
167 Bylaws and put into the Policy Manual. Jerry McCall mentioned that we have a pretty  
168 detailed notebook from Synod that outlines the procedure for doing that review. Pastor  
169 mentioned it is a dozen page questionnaire that requires ‘yes’ and ‘no’ answers. The  
170 current Organizational Manual for the congregation has a little broader description than  
171 the Bylaws. Need to make sure that the proper procedures are followed and are backed  
172 up by the required authorizations. A spot check should be made on some of the entries to  
173 make sure the procedures were followed and authorizations were properly made. A  
174 general discussion on this issue was held.

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177 **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

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180 The next monthly Council meeting will be held Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 9:00 A.M.

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182 The meeting was adjourned.

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184 Howard R. Ludden

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187 Recording Secretary