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**CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
CROWN OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
JANUARY 17, 2012**

President Bob Gehrke called the monthly meeting to order at 9am. Pastor Phill opened with prayer.

Those present at this meeting were: Pastor Phill, Vicar Gary, Bob Gehrke, Bill Stark, Daryl Irmer, Lowell Koelling, Ron Pearson, Jerry McCall, Bob Mansfield, Gene Axelson and Joan Thiese.

The Minutes of the Council meeting for December 20, 2011 were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Daryl Irmer)

- At this time the books have not closed for the year because of things still coming in. A detailed report will be given at the February meeting.
- Reported Budget: \$770,000 Inclusive: \$766,000
- Expended: \$728,000 Surplus: \$ 35,000

A motion was made to carve out 10 percent of Excess Revenue for Endowment Fund and 90 percent to Clearing Account. Motion seconded and carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: (Lowell Koelling)

- Lowell made a recommendation that the re-numbering system that was done for the envelopes this year, should be done (re-numbered) each year. There were 498 "Giving Units" ordered, and the plan is to order an additional 50 for new members.

BOARD OF ELDERS: (Ron Pearson)

- Ron stated that there was a problem with lighting the candles, on the railing, at the Christmas Eve Service. It was difficult to reach down to the candle for lighting. A solution to this may be to use electronic candles.
- Ron stated that he was elected Chairman for another term. Chuck Wasem, Assistant Chairman, and Ron Schumann, Music Committee Liaison.

BOARD FOR STEWARDSHIP: (Gene Axelson)

- Gene stated he is looking at the time, talent and treasures of this church. We need to focus on the talent the volunteers have. He states he will be organizing in the next months.

47 **BOARD FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** (Bob Gehrke)
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- 49 • This is a reminder that the Council (and any Board members) are scheduled to meet with
50 the Outreach Study Team, Saturday February 4, in the Parish Hall at 9am. This is to
51 discuss the Study Team’s suggestions and recommendations.
52 • During the Study, it was noticed that several churches in Sun City West have installed new
53 electronic signs (e.g., Desert Palms Presbyterian, First Baptist, Lord of Life Lutheran).
54 Inspection noted that they all have electronic displays made in South Dakota by
55 Daktronics, and installed by Precise Signs of Phoenix. Inquiry of Precise signs resulted in
56 a suggested configuration of signs for Crown of Life and an initial estimate of the costs for
57 installing the signs, wiring, computer programs, etc., on a turn-key basis. (The reason for
58 the recent addition of the church signs is a change in ordinance by the County. There is a
59 report that in the first four or five weeks after installation, the number of guest at the
60 churches increased noticeably.) The Board for Community Outreach recommends we
61 pursue this matter further, led by the Board of Trustees.
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64 **BOARD OF MISSIONS:** (Jerry McCall)
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- 66 • Jerry stated that he met with Pastor Paul of Saving Grace Lutheran Church which is in
67 Chino Valley. This church started in the year 2000. There are 50 who attend the worship
68 service. They are having a real struggle with finances. This community is 80 percent
69 Mormon. \$2,000 has been allocated for this Mission. When asked for feedback on how
70 they would spend the money, Pastor Paul said they would use half for “Outreach” and the
71 other half for ink and paper.
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74 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** (Bob Mansfield)
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- 76 • There are three flood lights on the tower. Two of the floodlights were out. They have been
77 replaced, but still do not work. Bob says that an electrician will be coming to repair these.
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80 **VICAR GARY’S REPORT:** (No report given)
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83 **PASTOR’S REPORT:** (Pastor Phill)
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- 85 • Word of Life will be using our sanctuary and facilities on January 29, at 3pm to install their
86 new Pastor.
87 • Council approved the installation of a TV and associated electronics to upgrade, up to a
88 dollar limit, in the library.
89 • Last month Pastor talked about a \$3,000 to \$3,500 being used to purchase a full-time,
90 permanent piano for the Parish Hall. A bulk of this money will come from a Memorial
91 Fund which has already been contributed for this purpose. Pastor stated he is to meet with
92 Byron today to discuss the purchase of a used piano.

- 93 • The Regional Mission Council, which Pastor Phill is treasurer of, had made its distribution
94 to Region 4, and continues to evolve as this Mission Board here.
95 • The Hispanic Mission Board, in Phoenix, is also supporting Living Water Church in
96 Buckeye, as well as some others to include Chino Valley.
97 • The Mission at ASU is going to close. A recommendation has been made to the District
98 Board of Directors to sell that property, and they are looking at selling many other owned
99 District property—mostly in Regions 3 and 4.

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

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104 **Circuit Delegates**

- 105 • Bob Gehrke stated that we need a Delegate for the upcoming June 2012, District
106 Conference being held in Irvine, California. Bob recommended an Elder for this. Gene
107 Axelson volunteered to be a Delegate. Ron Pearson will send an email to the Board of
108 Elders asking for an Alternate Delegate. The paperwork for this needs to be in by January
109 31.
110 • Pastor stated there is also an upcoming Circuit Forum in the Spring (no date yet) which a
111 Delegate will also be needed for.

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113 **Sick Leave Policy**

- 114 • Bob Gehrke reporting that there is a desirability of having a **Sick Leave Policy** in place.
115 Our current policy is the first two sentences, (see attached “hand-out”) and does not give
116 much guidance. There is a **Proposed Policy** on the bottom of this page of the “hand-out”.

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118 **A motion was made to accept the Proposed Policy. Motion seconded and carried.**

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120 **Congregational Endowment Fund Policy**

- 121 • Bob Gehrke stated that the Voters approved the Custodial change of the Endowment Fund
122 Policy from the Stewardship Board to the Finance Committee and, also approved then the
123 generation of a Revised Policy. A copy of the “Draft Congregational Fund Policy” was
124 provided to the Council members. After much discussion, it was decided that there is a
125 need to go further on this, otherwise, future Finance Committees may have different
126 interpretations. Bob Gehrke and Lowell Koelling will work on the draft for the
127 Endowment Fund and bring this back with more information. Tabled for now.

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129 **Outreach Study Committee**

- 130 • On February 4, the meeting will go over the 20 areas of suggestions to be looked into per
131 the “hand-out” copy of “Outreach Study Responsibilities”. Bob Gehrke would like
132 someone, on the Council, to be named and “pickup” the responsibility for these items. The
133 named person would then be the point of contact. Items 6, 7, and 8 on the “hand-out” sheet
134 would go to the Board of Trustees. Bob will send out email to Council members to see
135 who would be named for which one.

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137 **NEW BUSINESS:** None

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139 **A move was made to adjourn the meeting and seconded.**
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141 The next monthly Council meeting will be February 21, 2012 at 9am.
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143 The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.
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149 Recording Secretary
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