

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Crown of Life Lutheran Church

November 9, 2010

Vice President Don Nicolay called the monthly Council meeting to order. Pastor Phill opened the meeting with a prayer and read Psalms 5. Pastor throughout the reading of this chapter pointed out those passages that dealt with Law and those that were Gospel. Showing that even in the Old Testament Law and Gospel were evident. Those present Pastor Phill, Vicar Gary, Daryl Irmer, Don Nicolay, Dan Mehner, Lowell Koelling, Ron Pearson, Jerry McCall, Rollie Mann and Howard Ludden. Rev. Jerry Scansen, Bill Vomocil, Larry Kuppler and Bob Mansfield were absent.

Guests: None

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the October 19, 2010 Council meeting. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Dan Mehner reported)

- Y.T.D. Budgeted Receipts: \$567,700.00
- Y.T.D. Actual Receipts: \$632,100.00

- Y.T.D. Budgeted Expenses: \$583,333.00
- Y.T.D. Actual Expenses: \$542,267.00

- Total Assets: \$2,315,405.00
- Long Term Debt \$188,787.00

- Copy of the financial report is attached.
- Dan asked for the Council's direction on how the Thrivent Choice monies that are being donated by Thrivent members through that program. What fund should these donations be placed? Thrivent notifies the church office the names of those donating, but does not breakdown the amount for each individual donation. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to put them in the General Fund.
- Dan showed the Council two different ways the budget could be presented at the November 21st Crown of Life's Voters Meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the "B" format to be presented to the congregation for approval. Motion carried.

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- Pastor Phill asked the question that because of the confusion to most people of what the Legacy Fund is, should the name be changed back to the Endowment Fund, as most people have a better understanding of that name. After a brief discussion it was determined that the name Endowment Fund was a better descriptor of the fund. It will be presented at the Voters Meeting to the congregation for their approval to return the name to Endowment Fund.
- The interest earned by the Endowment Fund is available for use, but not the Fund itself.
- It was decided that better opportunities for increasing these funds will be investigated.
- Dan will present to the congregation at the Voters Meeting the percentage distribution and the reserve funds involved where any excess monies at the end of the year will be placed.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY’S REPORT: (Lowell Koelling reported)

- Lowell reported that the 2011 contribution envelopes are here and should be available for pickup by the congregation members in early December.

BOARD OF ELDERS: (Ron Pearson reported)

- He had nothing to report.

BOARD FOR STEWARDSHIP: (Rev. Jerry Scansen absent)

BOARD FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ASSIMILATION: (Bill Vomocil absent)

70 **BOARD FOR MISSIONS:** (Jerry McCall reported in Larry Kuppler's absence)

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- 72 • As the Board was going through the budget line items, comments were made on the
73 following:
- 74 1. There has been no recent communication from Living Water. Pastor Phill will make
75 a courtesy telephone call to Pastor Marty.
 - 76 2. The Summit proposed church site no longer has a sign on the property. Pastor Phill
77 informed the Board that LCEF has declined the construction loans for Summit and
78 also for the church in Queen Creek.
 - 79 3. With regard to the Hispanic ministry the Board will be reaching out to them again in
80 hopes of gaining better information on their situation.
- 81 • There was a lady from the Kuwaa Mission that informed the Board about their work,
82 which is in a very isolated area of Liberia. The Board deferred any action until the next
83 Board meeting.
- 84 • Two members of their Board have resigned, so they are looking for persons to take their
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88 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** (Rollie Mann reported in Bob Mansfield's absence)

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- 90 • He had nothing to report.

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

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- 94 • He went through the current slate of nominees for Election of Officers at the November
95 21, 2010 Voters Meeting. List is attached. Nominations from the floor will be requested
96 with the understanding those nominated must be present at the meeting, so they can
97 accept or decline being nominated.
- 98 • Daryl stated he needs a motion for approval on a non-budgeted item in the amount not to
99 exceed \$500.00 for new recording equipment for the Social Ministry, Reading for the
100 Blind.

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102 **A motion was made and seconded to provide the monies, not to exceed \$500.00, needed for**
103 **the new recording equipment for the Social Ministry, Reading for the Blind. Motion**
104 **carried.**

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- 106 • LCMS is asking for the congregation vote of approval or disapproval on two
107 constitutional amendments by Crown of Life congregation.

- 108 1. Constitutional Amendment A – (Amends Articles X and XI to change the name
109 “Vice-President-Finance – Treasurer” to “Chief Financial Officer,” the position to
110 be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Church –
111 Missouri Synod)
112 2. Constitutional Amendment B – (Adds a new Article XIV to the Constitution to
113 clarify the relationship between the Bylaws and the Constitution of The Lutheran
114 Church – Missouri Synod)

115 The Council discussed Amendment B and voted for disapproval of this amendment, but
116 with the proviso that it be presented to the Voters Meeting on November 21, 2010 for
117 their vote to disapprove or approve the amendment. The Council will abide by that vote.

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119 **A motion was made and seconded to accept the Constitutional Amendment A. Motion**
120 **carried.**

- 121 • It was mentioned that Crown of Life Lutheran Church will be twenty-five (25) years old
122 in 2011. John Sauter will be the Chairman of a committee to set-up this 25th celebration.
123 Tentative date is in March, 2011.

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126 **VICAR GARY’S REPORT:** (Vicar Gary reported)

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- 128 • Vicar Gary stated this is the final week of this quarter and that the next quarter starts at
129 the end of November. The title of the study this coming quarter will be Lutheran
130 Distinctions.
131 • Vicar Gary will be meeting with Dr. Glen Neilson, faculty dean of program, this coming
132 Saturday, Nov. 13.

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135 **PASTOR’S REPORT:** (Pastor Phill reported)

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- 137 • Vicar Gary is still receiving a lot of praise for his submissions, which continue to be read
138 to other students, as an example on how to submit their reports.
139 • Pastor Phill and Vicar Gary had a conversation after Pastor came out of a meeting with
140 the Finance committee regarding clarification on how the Educational Fund works; W2
141 considerations, etc.
142 • Pastor Phill advised that they have completed the move of their household goods and that
143 he will be submitting his expense for the relocation. It was budgeted for \$12,000.00;
144 however, the actual expense is just under \$6,000.00.

- 145 • The Board of Community Outreach & Assimilation is in the process of separating into
146 Board of Community Outreach headed by a Chairman, who will be a member of the
147 Church Council, and the Assimilation Committee, who's Chairman will not be a member
148 of the Church Council. If this works, Pastor Phill stated it will be presented to the
149 congregation at the Spring Voters Meeting.
- 150 • With regard to Pastor Chris Artegis, there was a Regional Mission Council meeting for
151 Region 4 mission field. After a five (5) hour review meeting a number of things were
152 decided. One was to close down the East Las Vegas mission. Pastor Artegis has been
153 granted by the Regional Mission Council more dollars with the stipulation that some of
154 those dollars be used in hiring an outside bookkeeping company to make the necessary
155 reports. If he fails in doing that, it will be the end of that mission.
- 156 • He then discussed the current Phonetree usage for other activities than death notices.
157 Pastor will review and put together a possible list that could also be incorporated into the
158 Phonetree usage.

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161 **OLD BUSINESS:** None

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163 **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

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165 **NEW BUSINESS:** None

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167 The next Council meeting will be held December 21, 2010 at 9:00 A.M.

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169 The meeting was closed with a prayer by Vicar Gary.

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171 Howard R. Ludden

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174 Recording Secretary