

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Crown of Life Lutheran Church

October 19, 2010

Vice President Don Nicolay called the monthly Council meeting to order. Pastor Phill opened the meeting with a prayer and read Titus 2:1-2 and 2:6-8. He went on to say these words should encourage us as a body of leadership in our church that we talk about the church and the business of the church in a God pleasing way. Those present Pastor Phill, Vicar Gary, Daryl Irmer, Don Nicolay, Dan Mehner, Lowell Koelling, Rev. Jerry Scansen, Bill Vomocil, Larry Kuppler, Rollie Mann and Howard Ludden. Ron Pearson and Bob Mansfield were absent.

Guests: None

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Dan Mehner reported)

- Y.T.D. Budgeted Receipts: \$513,000.00
- Y.T.D. Actual Receipts: \$558,527.00

- Y.T.D. Budgeted Expenses: \$525,000.00
- Y.T.D. Actual Expenses: \$484,490.00

- Total Assets: \$2,294,438.00
- Long Term Debt \$194,779.00

- Copy of the financial report is attached.
- A question was raised about the Land item reporting. Dan explained that is the original cost of the land and that figure does not change.
- A question was asked about the Crown of Life Educational Assistance Program's reimbursement of travel expenses for Vicar Gary. It was explained that the IRS looked upon this as a bonafide expenditure, which allows direct payment to the person who incurs the expense
- The Budget Committee states that the budget will be presented to Council next month. The budget estimate for now is \$770,000.00. This is \$70,000 more than last year. Receipts are running ahead of last year and using the last three year average shows that an increase of \$70,000.00 would be appropriate.

- 38 • A statement was made by Don Nicolay that the Budget Committee and finance people are
39 to be commended for their past efforts to keep expenses in line with income in this
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43 **FINANCIAL SECRETARY’S REPORT:** (Lowell Koelling reported)

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- 45 • Lowell reported that contributions have been increasing lately.
- 46 • He is happy with the new safe because on a recent weekend, on short notice, he needed to
47 find someone to place the offering in the safe for two services. With very little
48 instruction, the captains of the two usher teams were able to handle this. This is because
49 deposits can be made in to the new safe without using the lock combination due to the
50 drop slot in the new safe.
- 51 • Lowell feels that we need to research how travel expenses need to be paid. Pastor Phill
52 suggested that maybe the use of the COL credit card be used to pay for the travel
53 expenses in question. After discussion of this idea, it was recommended that the use of
54 the COL credit card would be proper to cover these travel expenses.

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57 **BOARD OF ELDERS:** (Ron Pearson absent)

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60 **BOARD FOR STEWARDSHIP:** (Rev. Jerry Scansen reported)

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- 62 • Rev. Jerry stated that stewardship is not money, but more of what comes from the
63 individual’s heart – biblical stewardship. A beautiful article about this was put out by
64 recently by Synod. He said the purpose of churches is in John 20:21. Opportunities need
65 to be put before the people by COL, but let their hearts guide them to give of their time,
66 talent and treasure. He said in reading Matthew 25:31-46 this theme of giving out of love
67 or from the heart is shown by the fact those that do are unaware of when and how they
68 bestowed blessings on others. A lengthy discussion ensued about how this could be
69 accomplished within COL.
- 70 • Rev. Jerry responded to what a descriptive budget is. He stated a descriptive budget
71 includes a narrative of how, what, and why the expenses are needed; e.g., adding an
72 addition to the church or a piece of equipment. This narrative backs up the numbers in
73 the budget. This document would be internal to the finance committee to begin with.
74 However, this narrative would also be presented the voter assembly.

75 **BOARD FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ASSIMILATION:** (Bill Vomocil reported)

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- 77 • Bill reported there was a good crowd from COL to Arizona Broadway Theatre.
- 78 • The Board is going to try several different things this year, but not solidified as yet. One
- 79 of the items being looked at is a different type of service.

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82 **BOARD FOR MISSIONS:** (Larry Kuppler reported)

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- 84 • Their first meeting since summer was last week. In that meeting there was a discussion
- 85 with Word of Life about the need for a larger coffee hour area. They currently have only
- 86 a small patio. Word of Life has asked for financial assistance to enlarge the current area.
- 87 Larry would like to get Council's approval to this in the amount of \$1,000.00.
- 88 • Larry would like to have a clarification of what is the responsibility of Community
- 89 Outreach/Assimilation and what is the responsibility of Missions. Bill Vomocil
- 90 commented that Community Outreach/Assimilation is a congregational responsibility.
- 91 Since there is some overlap, it is his opinion whatever Board wants to do something that
- 92 may be termed CO/A responsibility that they be allowed to do it.
- 93 • Larry talked about the Hispanic ministry. They are struggling. The Board has given
- 94 them some recommendations and suggestions on how to go about funding and decreasing
- 95 projects. The Hispanic ministry implements some of these by decreasing some projects,
- 96 but then they add more. A discussion followed about the history of the Phoenix area
- 97 Hispanic ministry and the changes that have occurred since it was planted.

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100 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** (Rollie Mann reported in Bob Mansfield's absence)

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- 102 • The roof was repaired at a cost of \$36,000 or \$14,000 under what was budgeted.
- 103 • It has been over ten years since the exterior of the church was painted. It is in need of
- 104 some stucco repair and should be power washed before painting. A plan for painting the
- 105 exterior and interior will be discussed at the December meeting.
- 106 • There is a need to replace and remove some landscaping plants.
- 107 • The night lights have been put on a timer so they will only be on at night. The choir loft
- 108 lights will be off during the summer and during the winter when the choir is not singing.
- 109 Other plans are underway to try and decrease our energy bill.

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

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- 115 • The Council needs to come up with a motion on what to do with approximately
116 \$75,000.00 in excess funds. It was recommended a percentage be used for
117 distribution/allocation of the excess funds. A discussion followed with regard to the
118 Trustees about the church building repair needs, Missions needs for funds, video screens
119 for the sanctuary (voters approved this several years ago for up to \$70,000.00), a
120 demountable wall for the parish hall to increase participation for the social hour, etc.
121 Don Nicolay made an observation on his part that the music program and video screens
122 are a common denominator of progressive churches.

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124 **A motion was made and seconded to place excess funds for 2010 – 60% for maintenance**
125 **reserve, 20% for Missions reserve, 10% for endowment fund reserve and 10% for video**
126 **reserve fund. Motion carried.**

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129 **VICAR GARY'S REPORT:** (Vicar Gary reported)

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- 131 • Vicar Gary stated that he was back in St. Louis in September for third quarter class of
132 dissecting the Creeds – Apostles, Nicene and Athanasian.
- 133 • Vicar Gary will be meeting with Dr. Glen Nelson, faculty dean of the program, on Nov.
134 13.
- 135 • He will be going back to St. Louis in April, 2011.

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138 **PASTOR'S REPORT:** (Pastor Phill reported)

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- 140 • Vicar Gary is at or near the top of his class. His submissions have been read to other
141 students.
- 142 • Pastor Phill reported that they have a pack date of Nov. 1, move date of Nov. 2 and
143 delivery date of Friday or Saturday.
- 144 • He stated that board meeting documents will be e-mailed to Sue for up link to COL's
145 website. Website is being modified and will be put in place shortly.
- 146 • Word of Life is worshipping 350 people. With regard to their fund raising project to
147 increase the size of their social gathering place, it was proposed to the Mission Board to
148 move \$1,000.00 from the clearing account to give to Word of Life.

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150 **A motion was made and seconded to move \$1,000.00 from the clearing account to give to**
151 **Word of Life. Motion carried.**

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154 **OLD BUSINESS:** None

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157 **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

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160 **NEW BUSINESS:** None

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163 The next Council meeting will be held November 9, 2010 at 9:00 A.M.

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

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170 Recording Secretary