

# **February 8, 2011 COUNCIL ARCHIVES**

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# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

3711 Ridge Road  
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Agenda for Council Meeting  
Tuesday ~ February 8, 2011 - 7:00 PM

- 1) Opening Devotion / Prayer / - Sandy Trexler
- 2) Caring and Sharing
- 3) Review of Minutes from January 11, 2011 Council Meeting
- 4) Financial Reports
- 5) Old Business - "Love Letters"  
Council Retreat
- 6) Committee Reports
- 7) Pastor Trexler / Vicar Zach Reports to Council
- 8) New Business - Election of Officers - 2011 Church Council - following  
Congregation Meeting on Sunday January 16, 2011  
"Support" Focus in the Month of January
- 9) New Business to be recommended for next Parish Council Meeting Agenda
- 10) Correspondence -
- 11) Adjournment of Council Meeting
- 12) Closing Prayer
- 13) Next Scheduled Meeting - 03/08/11 - Devotions - Eric Socin

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A HOUSE OF WORSHIP AND PRAYER  
WHERE ALL PEOPLE ARE WELCOME!

# TUESDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2010 GLORIA DEI COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with council vice president Doug Riddell presiding in place of absent president David Adams.

**Present:** Rev David Trexler, Vicar Zachary Ostrem, Douglas Riddell, Donora Gard, Lauri Novak, Randy Vates , Eric Socin, Pam Daniels, Sandy Trexler, Deborah Thinnnes , Elaine VonAlmen, Tom Schiller and Barry Fry

**Absent:** David Adams , Michael Minogue, and Don Heintzman

## DEVOTIONS

Prayer and Devotions led by Sandy Trexler.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

The Treasurers report archived with these minutes was presented to council by Pam Daniels. The report was reviewed, discussed and approved by council.

## OLD BUSINESS - "LOVE LETTERS"

Phone calls to non-responders to our Stewardship program "Love Letters to God" is still on the table in planning stages collecting names and phone numbers.

## OLD BUSINESS - "RETREAT"

A Leadership retreat is in the planning stages as suggested by Pastor Trexler open to all congregation members who want to participate in planning the direction of our Lampstand. The plan has changed from a possible retreat in February to one held in May. Those attending would depart to Lutherwald on Friday May 20 and return after a Worship service on Sunday May 22. There would be another worship service also held at our church on the same Sunday for those not attending the retreat. This program as explained by Pastor Trexler is encouraged in ministeriums by our Synod and the cost can be defrayed by a grant from the Lily Foundation. The retreat will be announced in the March Glad Tidings. This publication issue needs to be ready for print in time for distribution on February 19 and 20.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

For the record these reports and communications were distributed and reviewed by council and are archived with these minutes. 1) Pastor's report 2) Vicars Report 3) Dec. Financial Statement

Sandy Trexler gave a brief oral report on plans for Soup and Sandwich during Lent before Wednesday worship services. She has a sign up sheet available for volunteers to make the meals. Also there is a plan for a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday on the 8th of March. This second Tuesday in the month of March will have the council meeting directly after this event.

Additional note to the Pastor's report - His book will be available in stores on April 26th. He has ordered 200 books for sale at church. It is available for order on line with a link on our WEB site's Home Page. It is also available for download as an e-book. Also David Markley suggested to Pastor the theme of "Past, Present, and Future" being used for Lent which points to the book of Revelation. This also lends itself to promotion of the sale of "Has Your Robe Been Washed" which is itself about "Revelation".

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In brief format - parliamentary procedure was used for nominations and second to nominations for election of officers. The end result being that on separate voice votes our previous officers were elected to new terms. David Adams elected president for a third term, Doug Riddell elected for a second term as vice president, Pam Daniel elected for a second term as treasurer, and Eric Socin elected for a second term as recording secretary. All terms last until the next election of officers (1 year). All votes unanimous.

## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Similar to election of officers committee assignments remain for the most part unchanged with these differences. Elaine VonAlmen now heads Witness (outreach). Michael Minogue now heads the Service Committee although he will be assisted by previous chair Nancy Talabay. Deborah Thinnnes will head the Mutual Ministry committee. The entire congregation will be notified of election results with the distribution of a new directory containing all contact information next worship weekend February 12 and 13.

## MEETING ADJOURNED

With nothing being offered from the floor for additional business or discussion a motion to adjourn and second was entertained by the chair. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously. Meeting closed with prayer at 8:10 pm.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church - Treasurer's Report - January 2011

<b>General Fund</b>	January			January 2010		
Beginning Balance	12,175.50					
Receipts:						
Envelope	14,476.00			16,267.00		
Loose	122.00			246.00		
Sunday School	0.00			0.00		
Rentals	140.00			0.00		
Initial Offering	143.00			122.00		
Altar Guild	30.00			10.00		
Lent	0.00			0.00		
Thanksgiving,	0.00			0.00		
Christmas,	500.00			5.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,411.00</b>			<b>16,650.09</b>		
Disbursements:		Monthly Budget	Under/ (Over)			
Benevolence	675.00	166.67	(508.33)			
Pastoral	10,070.69	9,650.00	(420.69)			
Office	1,259.47	1,237.50	(21.97)			
Prof. Staff	0.00	25.00	25.00			
Worship	2,565.04	1,566.67	(998.37)			
Learning	0.00	166.67	166.67			
Stewardship	567.65	58.33	(509.22)			
Witness	128.71	83.33	(44.67)			
Property	3,607.97	3,204.17	(403.80)			
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,874.72</b>	<b>16,158.34</b>	<b>(2,715.38)</b>			

Ending Balance	8,712.78
Restricted Funds	19,305.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,017.86</b>

Checking Account	27,598.86
Scraps Outreach	419.00
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>28,017.86</b>

Restricted Funds	Beginning Balance	Current Month		Ending Balance
		Receipts	Disbmnts.	
Bereavement	664.10	425.78	448.25	641.63
Building	1,833.72	0.00	0.00	1,833.72
Christian Aid	617.34	197.00	174.00	640.34
Designated	1,504.72	5,344.00	00.00	6,848.72
Grace Notes	6,991.96	0.00	0.00	6,991.96
Memorial	330.00	0.00	0.00	330.00
Organ	39.65	0.00	0.00	39.65
Seminary	67.13	0.00	0.00	67.13
Souper Bowl	115.16	0.00	0.00	115.16
World Hunger	95.00	0.00	217.00	-122.00
Youth	1,499.77	0.00	0.00	1,499.77
Scripts Outreach	337.60	1,685.00	1,603.60	419.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>14,096.15</u></b>	<b><u>7,651.78</u></b>	<b><u>2,442.85</u></b>	<b><u>19,305.08</u></b>

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Designated	
Golden Opportunity	520.00
Sign	8,726.70
Tate Publishing	(3,985.50)
Stephen Ministry	50.00
Anniversary	1,337.52
Music	200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>24,252.43</u></b>

## Pastor's Report to Council February 8, 2011

- Presided at Sunday worship
- Presided at Saturday worship
- Presided at baptism service for Dylan Sellers
- Presided at funeral service Mary Street (wake/luncheon)
- Presided at funeral service for Adrian Bowman (wake)
- Taught confirmation
- Prayed for the church, the world, and individuals daily
- Attended conference council
- Attended Highland ministerium
- Attended Town Hall meeting—topic gangs
- Attended luncheon with Highland leaders
- Attended Men' s Breakfast
- Attended four day leadership training at Wabash College
- Attended Lutheran Outdoor Ministry 'think tank'
- Worked with Tate Publishing regarding final copy of "Has Your Robe Been Washed"  
(Order 250 copies)
- Prepared Annual Report for congregation
- Prepared ELCA Annual Reports for Church
- Prepared 3 month report for Vicar
- Spent 8 hours shoveling snow at the church
- Worked with Vicar Zach and future projects
- Started working on Lenten Services
- Made 4 home visits
- Made 9 hospital visits
- Fellowship with various members

## Vicar's Report to Council

Vicar Zach Ostrem  
January 2011 - February 2011

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- Pastoral care:
  - ◊ Alternated hospital visits, including visits to the University of Chicago hospitals. Availability at church, for drop-ins and calls and food pantry.
  - ◊ Daily prayer for the church, world, and those in need
- Fellowship:
  - ◊ Attended Highland ministerium
  - ◊ Attended annual Congregation meeting, including annual Vicar's report
  - ◊ Attended Men's Breakfast – topics included steel and politics and casinos!
- Preaching/teaching/continuing education:
  - ◊ Continue to preach a minimum of one weekend per month
  - ◊ Facilitated confirmation on 1/11/11, and prepared (reheated) the meal (with no noticeable sign of *burninating* it)
  - ◊ Continue to facilitate Sunday morning adult Bible study series each week before worship (*The Greatest Story*), which is almost complete
  - ◊ Attended discussion of weekly gospel texts
  - ◊ Participated in Army Chaplain training with my Reserve command in New York
    - \* Met with our new CG, ecumenical dialogue, challenges of the chaplaincy, cultural immersion including a personal tour of St. Peter's Cathedral, etc.
  - ◊ Began working Second Quarter internship evaluations, Approval Essay
- Worship:
  - ◊ Practice and participation with choir
  - ◊ Take turns co-facilitating different parts of the liturgy of worship services, even though I insist on reading the parts of the congregation!
- Outreach:
  - ◊ Attended local Town Hall meeting discussing community issues
  - ◊ Continue to familiarize with *Scrip* program, and develop an angle/approach to the project
- Communication and technology:
  - ◊ PayPal
  - ◊ Facebook and Twitter
  - ◊ Prayer chain