

**Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
Yardley, Pennsylvania
Congregational Council Minutes
Meeting of August 18, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor Sharon Taylor, Pastor Colleen Cox, Jane Helms, Jeff Mullican, Paul Rensner, Frank Ehrenfeld III, Becky Ehrenfeld, John Brayshaw, Kara Mullican, Mike Garozzo, Mike Robey, Chuck Tobias

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Marie Speers, Elaine Zimmerman

CONGREGATION PRESENT: Eric Evenson

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Frank Ehrenfeld III called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 7:00 p.m.

DEVOTIONS

Becky Ehrenfeld led the devotions and prayer. Pastor Taylor will lead them next month.

PRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

On the Thursday prior to each monthly council meeting, committee liaisons shall provide the church office with written committee reports. Packets to each council member will be provided by packet via church mailboxes on Friday.

Treasurer's Report: Report attached. It was noted that offering was approx. \$2000 below budget. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Financial Secretary's Report: Report attached. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the Financial Secretary's Report.

Finance Committee: No report

Missions Committee: Report attached

Pastor Sharon's Report: Report attached. Highlighted the upcoming Hands and Feet Sundays.

Pastor Colleen's Report: Report attached. Highlighted the upcoming Lower Makefield Pride Day on Labor Day. The Good News team would appreciate help with the event.

Stewardship: Report attached

Fellowship: No report

Property Committee: No report

Worship and Music: No report

Christian Education: No report

Endowment Fund Committee: No report

Capital Campaign: No report

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 21, 2008 Monthly Council meeting were reviewed. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Audit Committee Report** – The Audit Committee report has been finalized and submitted to the Synod.
2. **Hospitality Committee Role Post-Worship** – Mike Robey coordinated with Michelle Hall from Fellowship that the vacuuming of the narthex after the 11 am service will now be included as part of the Hospitality Team clean-up duties.
3. **Dialogue and Discernment Opportunities** – The function of the proposed congregational “Dialogue and Discernment Opportunities” was discussed. The main goal is to provide fellowship opportunities to foster dialogue and relationships, and to assist LCR with finding direction/visioning. The first session will be held Sunday, November 16 from 9:00 - noon in the fellowship hall.
4. **Constitution Update Committee** –Walt Reller has conducted a preliminary review of the constitution and has determined that there are 4 approved and ratified amendments that have not been incorporated into the constitution, and that currently 13 sections require amendment. The committee is tasked with presenting any changes to the Constitution and By-laws to Council at the October Council meeting, so that the changes can be voted upon at the 2009 winter congregational meeting and ratified at the 2010 winter congregational meeting.
5. **W&M Sound System Proposal** – See the attached hand-out regarding the proposed project, which is to install mounted speakers and to create a permanent space for the mixer. A motion was made and seconded that the proposal to mount speakers and remove either a whole pew or half of a pew to create a permanent space for the mixer be approved by Council as long as W&M and Property agree on the final solution. The motion was passed with 7 votes for, 3 votes against, and 1 abstention.
6. **Open Council Position** – There is currently a vacant council position with 11 months remaining in the term. Lisa Rook has offered to fill this position. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve Lisa Rook filling this position.
7. **Property Committee Report**
 - a. **Eagle Scout Project** – Colin Davis has finished constructing benches and painting doors as part of his project. He is still working on completing the landscaping portion of the project.
 - b. **Vandalism** – The graffiti has been removed from the church building and a police report was filed. Property will be getting legal advice as to what LCR needs to do to protect our liability for trespassers on the church roof. It was discussed that cutting back certain trees to increase visibility to the roof would be helpful.
8. **Stewardship Project** – The Stewardship Committee is proposing to visit every member of the congregation over a 1 year period. (See attached Stewardship report). Council agreed to take a role in this project. Possible overlap with the “Dialogue & Discernment” objectives were discussed.
9. **Building Expansion Update** – LCR has filed a brief in response the neighbors’ brief. We are now awaiting the outcome of the appeal process. Additionally, LCR has signed a

proposal with PECO to obtain natural gas service. Final costs for the boiler replacement should be available shortly from Branch Valley.

- 10. Council Project** – Council discussed ways to continue team-building amongst the council. We decided that beginning at the September meeting, we will commit to a longer devotional period that is more interactive with an emphasis on group building. Additionally, we will pursue the idea of doing a council service project, such as with Habitat for Humanity or with our members who are homebound.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. LCR Announcements and Counter Sign Up** – a sign-up sheet was passed around.
- 2. Counting/Finance Committee** – Council members are encouraged to be trained for counting weekly offerings and to sign up regularly to ensure there is enough coverage each Sunday.
- 3. Building Request** – Ashley Mullican has requested the use of the church and grounds on Sunday, September 21 after 11 a.m. for her Thrivent Volunteer Excellence Award. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to grant this request.
- 4. Liaison Re-Assignment** – Mike Garozzo stepped down as liaison to Worship & Music. This position will be offered to Lisa Rook at the September meeting.
- 5. Grant Writing Proposal** – Mike Garozzo proposed that LCR consider meeting with Sabrina Cusimano, a grant writer who has experience working with a Lutheran church. Mike will invite her to attend our September council meeting.

PRAYER REQUESTS & ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed with prayer at approx. 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Ehrenfeld
September 13, 2008