

**Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
Yardley, Pennsylvania
Congregational Council Minutes
Meeting of July 21, 2008**

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Pastor Sharon Taylor, Elaine Zimmerman,

CALL TO ORDER:

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

DEVOTIONS

Frank led the devotion and prayer.

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. 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: Report attached

Missions Committee: No report

Pastor Sharon's Report: No report

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: No report

Fellowship: No report

Property Committee: Report attached

Worship and Music: Report attached

Christian Education: Report attached

Endowment Fund Committee: Report attached

Capital Campaign: No report

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 16, 2008 Monthly Council meeting were reviewed. The minutes should have reflected that Kara Mullican was present and Pastor Colleen was excused. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes with the changes noted.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Building Expansion Update** – Walt Reller reported that a legal brief has been filed by some of LCR’s neighbors regarding the expansion project. LCR has 60 days in which to file a responding brief. No construction should be expected in 2008. The boiler replacement was discussed – gas and propane were considered for the replacement, but it was decided that gas would be the most cost effective.
2. **June 8 Congregational Meeting Follow-Up** – The Council did not receive any comments regarding the procedural error (voice vote vs. paper ballot) at the Congregational Meeting, after notifying the congregation in Resurrection Connections. Therefore, the positions appointed by council at the June Council meeting will hold until the winter 2009 Congregational Meeting, when the congregation will vote for the positions by paper ballot.
3. **Audit Committee Report** – The Audit Committee report is finished and awaiting final signatures. Frank will provide an update at the next council meeting.
4. **Outdoor Yard Sale Status** – The Yard Sale Leadership has decided to take a year off from the annual indoor yard sale to see if any new leadership steps forward by next summer.
5. **Generis Capital Campaign** – Generis has received and accepted the termination of contract letter.
6. **Council Workshop** – The June 23 council workshop for new members was discussed. The workshop addressed such issues as meeting logistics, financial reports, and teamwork. It was agreed that the workshop was helpful. Future workshops for council members will be considered.
7. **Hospitality/Ushers Role Post Worship** – Mike Robey will contact Michelle Hall to coordinate having Hospitality team members vacuum the narthex after the 11 am service.
8. **Dialogue and Discernment Opportunities** – Further discussion tabled to August meeting.
9. **MOCS Proposal** – A copy of our “Sexual Misconduct Liability Coverage Form” was included in the council packet. The coverage currently applies to “any volunteer or member.” However, our MOCS policy states that only active members may become MOCS certified. Therefore, a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to change the language in the MOCS policy from “active member” to “active participant”.
10. **Open Council Position** – There is currently a vacant council position with 11 months remaining in the term. Several candidates are being considered. An update will be given at the August meeting.
11. **Constitution Update Committee** – As discussed at the June council meeting, a subcommittee of five members of the Congregation has been formed to update LCR’s Constitution. The committee members are:
 - Frank Ehrenfeld
 - Jeff Mullican
 - Walt Reller
 - Mike Reynolds
 - Jane HelmisThe 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 winter congregational meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **LCR Announcements and Counter Sign Up** – a sign-up sheet was passed around.
2. **Council Liaison Appointments** – Council members selected the committees that they will serve as liaisons to. Jeff will have an updated list of liaison assignments at the August meeting.
3. **Approve Unbudgeted Expenditures** – Two unbudgeted expenditures needed to be approved.
 - A new CPU for the church office is needed. The cost will be \$800 and will include a Microsoft Office upgrade. The old computer will be made available at a work station for committee use. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve this expenditure.
 - Jenn Casey's Ordination will be held on July 6. The precedent at LCR is that the church would pay for an ordination reception. \$400 has been raised for this event. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the expenditure of up to \$600 of LCR money for this event.
4. **Property Vandalism Update** – A report from the Property Committee detailing the recent graffiti incident at LCR is attached.
5. **Sunday School Superintendent** - A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve Vicki Heisler as the 2008-2009 Sunday School Superintendent.

PRAYER REQUESTS & ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed with prayer at approx. 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Ehrenfeld
August 8, 2008