

**Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
Yardley, Pennsylvania
Congregational Council Minutes
Meeting of November 17, 2008**

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

Marie Speers led the council in devotions. Mike Robey will lead devotions 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. 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: Report attached

Pastor Colleen's Report: Report attached

Stewardship: Report attached

Fellowship: No report

Property Committee: No report

Worship and Music: No report

Christian Education: No report

Support Ministries: No report

Capital Campaign: No report

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 20, 2008 Monthly Council meeting were reviewed. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Property/Building Expansion Update** – PECO has completed the gas line hook-up. The soffit and roof repairs will use approx. \$50,000. Property Committee has childproofed the locks in the kitchen.
2. **Fund 2/Fund 5 Transfers** – At the October meeting, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve that of the money from the Duerkop bequest designated to the mission in Tanzania, that half (\$2,233.91) be moved to a clearing account for upcoming travel expenses for the Tanzania Partnership team, and the remaining half be moved to Fund 2 for Irete. Council will request that Ted Ebersole have this completed by our December meeting.
3. **Dialogue Opportunity Follow-up** – The November 16 Dialogue & Discernment Pancake Breakfast was discussed. It was decided that we need a better way to identify council members. Kari Ries will make a council poster with photos of council members. At the next D&D event, council members will identify themselves better (name tags, LCR T-shirts?). We will also consider providing nursery coverage at the next D&D event. One thing that came up at this event was the absence of Praise-a-palooza and the Yard Sale. We discussed having an over-arching theme to the next D&D event.
4. **Council Project Status** – Becky Ehrenfeld will re-circulate an email to all council members regarding upcoming service projects that minister to LCR's homebound.
5. **Grant Writing Update** – Audrey Tobias of the Grant Writing Committee has created a form to be used by committees seeking grants through Sabrina Cusimano. Committees can approach Sabrina with ideas for grants, but Sabrina can also suggest ideas for grants to committees. We also discussed council's role in the grant application process.
6. **Budget 2009 Status** – The Finance Committee has produced a 1 page summary of the 2009 draft budget. See attached. The detailed budget sheets will be available for discussion at Council's December meeting.
7. **Oasis Follow-up** – The lease with Oasis Congregation has been signed, for a \$500/month agreement. Clean-up costs have been factored in to the agreement. Also, LCR's storage space limitations have been communicated to Oasis.
8. **Cub Pack 95 Follow-up** – Pack 95 has submitted a building usage request letter and Certificate of Insurance. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to continue supporting Pack 95 the 3rd Friday of every month, with a few exceptions.
9. **Council Vacancy** - A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the appointment of Kari Ries to the vacant council term.
10. **Building Usage Discussion** – Frank Ehrenfeld has developed a Building Usage Request Form. Council will develop a fee schedule for building usage.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **LCR Announcements and Counter Sign Up** – The schedule is already filled out for the next month.

2. Pending Building Usage Requests

- a. Sue Stahl has requested the use of the kitchen and fellowship hall for a private party on 12/6. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve this request.
 - b. Diane Casey has requested the use of the fellowship hall in January 2009 for a Be the Change event. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve this request, provided that there are no conflicts on LCR's calendar for the date in question.
3. **SEPA Synod Assembly** – LCR can send a male, female, and youth representative to the Synod Assembly on May 1-2, 2009. The representatives will be voted on at the Winter Congregational Meeting.
4. **2009 Winter Congregational Meeting** –A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to set the meeting date for February 1, 2009, provided that the date is free on the church calendar. The congregation needs to be notified 4 weeks in advance of the meeting.
5. **2009 Nominating Committee** – Needs to be formed. Frank will email council a proposed list of individuals to serve on this committee. Up for election at the Winter Congregational Meeting are the council VP and Treasurer, as well as the council terms currently filled by Ries, Tobias, Helms, and Zimmerman.
6. **Staff Gifts Year-end 2008** – Was discussed.

PRAYER REQUESTS & ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed with prayer at approx. 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Ehrenfeld
December 7, 2008