

**Lutheran Church of the Resurrection  
Yardley, Pennsylvania  
Congregational Council Minutes  
Meeting of October 20, 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, Mike Robey, Marie Speers, Chuck Tobias, Elaine Zimmerman

**CONGREGATION PRESENT:** Clyde Beury

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**DEVOTIONS**

Pastor Taylor led the council in devotions about how we can serve like Jesus. Marie Speers 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 to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. There was one abstention.

**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. The report states that \$191.00 was contributed to a 2007 December Fifth Sunday appeal. Since there was no appeal on that date, Finance requested that council designate a use. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to designate the \$191.00 to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2009.

**Missions Committee:** Report attached. The report notes that Missions will give \$500 to the Tanzania Partnership Team. Council advised Jane Helms to report back to Missions that, for budgetary reasons, the \$500 must be designated to a 2008 Tanzania Partnership usage.

**Pastor Sharon's Report:** Report attached. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the youth collecting donations for Box City on Nov. 16 & 30 in-between services. Also, the current space and storage issues at LCR were discussed.

**Pastor Colleen's Report:** Report attached

**Stewardship:** Report attached

**Fellowship:** No report

**Property Committee:** No report

**Worship and Music:** Report attached

**Christian Education:** Report attached

**Support Ministries:** No report

**Capital Campaign:** No report

**Building Expansion Committee:** See below – Walt Reller provided an update to council.

## **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the September 15, 2008 Monthly Council meeting were reviewed. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. Building Expansion Update** – A decision regarding the appeal is anticipated to be issued by 12/1/08. (The decision has been delayed due to the judge taking medical leave.) The boiler replacement should be completed by 10/22, although PECO has not yet hooked up the gas line. It was discussed that we may have to look into a temporary heating solution if the PECO delay continues. Beck Construction will submit a proposal to Property Committee later this month regarding repair of the sacristy roof.
- 2. Tanzania Partnership Fund 5 Update** – see Pastor Taylor’s report. 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.
- 3. Dialogue and Discernment Opportunity November 16** – A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the youth hosting a pancake breakfast during the D&D event, with a free will offering to support the National Youth Gathering trip.
- 4. Council Service Project** – Becky Ehrenfeld will email council members regarding upcoming service projects that minister to LCR’s homebound.
- 5. Constitution Update Committee** – Jeff Mullican reported that the committee met recently and has started the work to update LCR’s Constitution. The committee is considering the ELCA’s model constitution and is proposing several changes for congregational consideration.
- 6. Grant Writing Proposal** – A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve Sabrina Cusimano’s proposal regarding grant writing (see attached). Council decided to form a sub-committee to coordinate between LCR’s ministries and Ms. Cusimano. The sub-committee will consist of Pastor Taylor, Mike Garozzo, Marie Speers, and Audrey Tobias (to be contacted). The sub-committee will contact Ms. Cusimano to begin promoting grants and will possibly arrange for her to address committees on All Committee Night.
- 7. Stewardship Visitation Project** – The Stewardship Committee is moving forward on its plan to visit every member of the congregation over a 1 year period. Council members were reminded of their commitment to assist this committee by agreeing to be visited and to team up with stewardship members to become visitors.
- 8. 2009 Draft Budget** – See attached. The Finance Committee has produced a 1 page summary of the 2009 draft budget.
- 9. Oasis Church New Rental Agreement** – Clyde Beury presented the draft lease to council (see attached). Friday nights from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm has been added to the lease. We are unable to approve multi-day events at this time. It was noted that we need their Certificate of Insurance before the lease could be finalized. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the Lease Agreement as amended.
- 10. Sound System Project** – The mixer table has arrived and is awaiting installation.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. LCR Announcements and Counter Sign Up** – a sign-up sheet was passed around.
- 2. Building Request**
  - a.** Bruce Thorsen has requested that the Bucks County Choral Society be permitted to hold a concert at LCR on Wednesday, August 19, 2009. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve this building use request. A motion was then made that, considering we charge a building usage fee to Oasis Congregation, that LCR request a donation from the Choral Society for the use of our building. The motion did not carry. However, it was noted that LCR is inconsistent on our policy regarding this issue. The matter was tabled until next month.
  - b.** Dave Fitchett has requested that Pack 95 be permitted to sell popcorn outside of Fellowship hall on a Sunday. The request was denied because it goes against LCR's fundraising policy.
  - c.** Regarding the Scouts using our building, it was noted that the Boy Scouts must submit a building usage request letter and Certificate of Insurance prior to their 11/21 meeting.
- 3. Council Vacancy** – There is currently a vacancy on council due to Lisa Rook having stepped down. A list of potential candidates was discussed, and the Council President will be in charge of contacting them.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS & ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was closed with prayer at approx. 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Ehrenfeld  
November 9, 2008