

**Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
Yardley, Pennsylvania
Congregational Council Minutes
Meeting of September 15, 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, Lisa Rook, Marie Speers, Chuck Tobias, Elaine Zimmerman

CONGREGATION PRESENT: Walt Reller

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 an individual assessment about our experiences with reading scripture. She will lead devotions next month as well.

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 question arose regarding whether the Dedicated Payable (Fund 5) should be included as a line under liabilities. Pastor Sharon will look into this. 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. Highlighted the "Book of Faith" (Read through the Bible in a Year) Program starting 9/28.

Pastor Colleen's Report: Report attached

Stewardship: Report attached

Fellowship: No report

Property Committee: No report

Worship and Music: No report

Christian Education: Report attached

Support Ministries: Report attached

Capital Campaign: No report

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

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 18, 2008 Monthly Council meeting were reviewed. It was noted that the minutes should read that Mike Garozzo stepped down as liaison to the HR committee. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes as amended.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Building Expansion Update** – A decision regarding the appeal is anticipated to be issued by 10/8. PECO has submitted a permit application to the township in order to extend a gas line to LCR – a decision is expected by 10/24. Branch Valley has indicated that the boiler replacement should be completed by 10/17. Although Jaffe will submit a revised proposal to LCR based on the revised scope of our plan by the end of September. LCR will begin soffit repairs shortly. The repairs will be handled primarily by the Property Committee, with assistance from the Oasis congregation.
- 2. Dialogue and Discernment Opportunities Survey** – Paul Rensner provided an outline for a D&D survey to be distributed to the congregation. The survey is meant to assess how LCR members' opinions, attitudes, etc. regarding our church and will provide discussion items for the D&D workshops.
- 3. Council Project** – Becky Ehrenfeld will coordinate a service project for Council that ministers to LCR's homebound.
- 4. Constitution Update Committee** – Jeff Mullican reported that this committee will be meeting soon.
- 5. W&M Sound System Proposal** – The sound system project will move forward as Tim Clinton's schedule permits.
- 6. Grant Writing Proposal** – Sabrina Cusimano, a grant writer who has experience working with a Lutheran church, attended the meeting to explain how she might be able to assist LCR in obtaining grants. The types of grants available to us will depend on what our proposed projects/missions are. Council would need to present her with an idea, and then she would determine what grants might be available for that idea, and she would get paid if/when we received the grant. Sabrina will email council a contract to be discussed at our October meeting.

It was suggested that Sabrina attend an All-Committee Night to discuss grant opportunities.

- 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. The attached Stewardship report provides an outline of questions that may be used to help guide the visitations. 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.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. LCR Announcements and Counter Sign Up** – a sign-up sheet was passed around.
- 2. Budget Process for 2009** – It was discussed that as we move into "budget season", Council will be intentional about respecting Finance Committee's role in the budget process.

3. Building Request

- a.** Oasis Congregation has requested the use of the building on 10/4 in the evening. It was discussed that we should consider adding this type of building use into our lease with Oasis. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve Oasis's building use request.
- b.** Delane Branson has requested the use of the building on 11/10 for a fundraiser for Huntingdon's Disease. This will take place before and after All-Committee Night. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve this building use request.

PRAYER REQUESTS & ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed with prayer at approx. 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Ehrenfeld
October 10, 2008