

**Lutheran Church of the Resurrection  
Yardley, Pennsylvania  
Congregational Council Minutes  
Meeting of August 17, 2009**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pastor Colleen Cox, Becky Ehrenfeld, Wayne Hall, Kara Mullican, Paul Rensner, Marian Robey, Michael Robey, Mark Stuckley, Chuck Tobias

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Pastor Sharon Taylor, Frank Ehrenfeld III, Mike Garozzo, Marie Speers

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Council Vice-President Wayne Hall called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 7:00 p.m.

**DEVOTIONS**

Becky Ehrenfeld led the council in devotions. Paul Rensner 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.

**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

**Pastor Sharon's Report:** No report

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

**Missions Committee:** No report

**Stewardship:** No report

**Fellowship:** No report

**Property Committee:** No report

**Worship and Music:** No report

**Christian Education:** No report

**Support Ministries:** No report

**Endowment Fund Committee:** No report

**PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the July 20, 2009 Council Meeting were reviewed. The minutes were amended to correct the spelling of Pastor Colleen's name in the attendance list. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes as amended.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. **Council Liaison Appointments:** Council revised the committee liaisons list. Liaisons will encourage their committees to attend the September 14 All-Committee Night.
2. **Council Retreat:** The Council Retreat for all council members will be held on November 21, 2009 at the parsonage in Upper Black Eddy.
3. **Diakon Family Health Services:** The need for additional meetings with Dr. Terry Lieb will be determined within the next 2 weeks.
4. **HR Committee Appointment Update:** Council affirmed Greg Griesemer and Charles Maurer to 1 year terms on the HR Committee.
5. **Audit Update:** A partial report has been submitted to Council. We are past the Constitutionally mandated due date. Frank Ehrenfeld will follow up with the committee in the hopes of getting the final report by our September meeting.
6. **Council Service Project:** The next service project with Cast Your Cares is scheduled for August 29, 2009. The opportunity to serve has been announced to the congregation.
7. **Giving Analysis:** Wayne Hall will continue this effort that was started by Jeff Mullican, by comparing giving trends of pledged contributions versus giving trends of non-pledged contributions. Wayne will contact Jeff to get the necessary information.
8. **Financial Status:** It was noted that per the Resurrection Connections financial message, the projected \$14k deficit is still possible, although it is still too early to predict. Council discussed the challenges associated with communicating LCR's financial picture to the congregation. One approach would be to provide congregation members with more ways of having ownership of the ministries at LCR. This could include having committees highlight their ministries in some way, or approach members directly about joining the committee. Becky Ehrenfeld will reach out to the Stewardship and Finance Committees to ask them to brainstorm together about communicating the financial situation, from their respective positions of "asset based" vs. "need based". Representatives from the two committees will be invited to discuss the issue at our September meeting.
9. **BTCF Building Request:** Becky Ehrenfeld will let Diane Casey know that the fellowship hall is available on Saturday, September 12, 2009 for the Be The Change Foundation event.
10. **Property Committee Notes:** Tabled.
11. **Strategic Planning:** Tabled until September council meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. **LCR Announcements and Counter Sign Up:** A sign up sheet was passed around.
2. **Christian Ed/Sunday School Superintendent Appointment:** A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve Jen Ehrenfeld as the chair of Christian Education. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve Vicki Heiseler as the Sunday School Superintendent.
3. **MOCS Program Update:** Tabled
4. **Building Expansion Update:** Walt Reller submitted the following report.  
Land Development - We expect the LMT Engineer will issue his review letter the week of August 17. Depending on issues raised in the letter, we would expect to be ready to appear before the Planning Commission at their September 14 meeting. Following the PC approval

we will need to appear before the Board of Supervisors. With their approval we will be ready for building permits etc.

Architect - Considering the size of the current project as well as Branch Valley's demise, we are discussing the merits of going directly with a construction company rather than a construction manager. To that end we have submitted the names of 2 potential contractors that have been recommended by members. We have not requested that plans be expedited to completion and will not until we have seen at least a favorable letter from the Township Engineer.

5. **All-Committee Night September 14:** Liaisons will encourage their committees to attend in order to get committee momentum started again as fall approaches. It was also noted that committees should be making use of the tax exempt form to save money when making purchases. Frank Ehrenfeld will announce this at ACN.
6. **Eco-Bags:** The Men's Group has started distributing the Eco-bags and has collected \$100 so far.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS & ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was closed with prayer at approx. 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Ehrenfeld  
September 8, 2009