

**Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
Yardley, Pennsylvania
Congregational Council Minutes
Meeting of June 15, 2009**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor Sharon Taylor, John Brayshaw, Frank Ehrenfeld III, Mike Garozzo, Jane Helms, Jeff Mullican, Paul Rensner, Kari Ries, Michael Robey, Elaine Zimmerman

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Pastor Collen Cox, Becky Ehrenfeld, Kara Mullican, Marie Speers, Chuck Tobias,

CALL TO ORDER:

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

DEVOTIONS

Elaine Zimmerman led the council in devotions. Pastor Sharon 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. It was noted that the cash reserves should be ~\$6,615.72, and not \$9,615.72 because ~\$3,000.00 was given to Synod Benevolence but not subtracted from the total. J. Brayshaw's service as Treasurer was acknowledged and he was thanked for his service. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Financial Secretary's Report: Report attached. The report format was again discussed, with an explanation given by J. Mullican. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the Financial Secretary's Report.

Finance Committee: Report attached

Pastor Sharon's Report: Report attached

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 May 18, 2009 Council Meeting were reviewed. The minutes were amended to reflect that Mike Robey was excused from the meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes as amended.

ALL-COMMITTEE NIGHT

All-Committee Night, scheduled for June 8, 2009, was cancelled because of a lack of attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Spring Congregational Meeting follow-up:** A slate of candidates for council positions was presented by the Nominating Committee, as per our constitution and Robert's Rules. Candidates may be voted on individually if the congregation wishes to introduce that at the on-set of balloting. Furthermore, if there are additional nominations from the floor, individual ballots must be cast. A discussion followed about the pros and cons of voting for a slate of candidates versus voting for individual candidates. Robert's Rules states that the results of the voting are to be reported only as either "Carried" or "Not Carried" and that a simple majority will decide the outcome.

The Points of Order concerning the slate issue, the flexibility to appoint a parliamentarian, and the collection, tallying, and reporting of ballots will be reviewed in order to streamline the election process.

C. Tobias's name should have been added to the list of council members whose term expires in June because he was filling in an unexpired vacancy, but his name was inadvertently omitted from the list. A motion was made and seconded to have C. Tobias appointed as a Council Member at Large from July 1, 2009 until June 30, 2010 pending congregational approval at the Winter Congregational Meeting. During discussion the motion was amended to end C. Tobias' term on June 30, 2011. The amended motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Building Committee Update:** J. Mullican reported that LCR will submit the documents to LMT's Land Development Committee by the end of this month, and that we may see township approval by September. There are \$9,530.00 in fees and escrows for the submission. It was noted that Branch Valley is going out of business, but other construction companies are being looked at. Early October is still the target date for construction to start.
- 3. HR Committee Appointment Update:** Though two members of our congregation have been approached, there is no report on the current vacancies.
- 4. Audit Update:** A partial report was submitted. The report needs to be finalized.
- 5. Res Con/Finance Com Message:** The message is being printed in Resurrection Connections, and the feedback has been positive.
- 6. Council Retreat:** Discussion has been postponed until next month when the new council starts. The Retreat is scheduled for 06/29 at 7PM at LCR.

7. **Council Service Project:** The next service project with Cast Your Cares is scheduled for June 27, 2009. The opportunity to serve has been announced to the congregation. The congregation will also be invited to participate on July 25 and August 29.
8. **Giving Analysis:** Jeff Mullican reported that he is waiting for the data from the Financial Secretary.
9. **Diakon Family Health Services:** The dates when all of the parties involved can meet needs to be coordinated. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to have the Council President serve as the Dates Coordinator.
10. **Fund Raising Policy (Pastor Sharon):** Council was reminded of its responsibility to know and enforce the policy, after possible infractions with recent National Youth Gathering events.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **LCR Announcements and Counter Sign Up:** A sign up sheet was passed around.
2. **Youth Representative:** A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to have Kara Mullican serve as the Youth representative to the council.
3. **Praise-A-Palooza:** A group has been put together to explore an event in 2010. There is no Council action required at this time.
4. **Wings of Faith:** Council discussed a proposal from Wings of Faith regarding the Ebenezer Home Repair Project. The following points were discussed:
 - A) Council is requesting more information on the house and on Ebenezer in order to release the funds.
 - B) That Wings of Faith contact other area Liberian groups to assist with the project.
 - C) The available funds are collected from a total of four congregations and that the Wings of Faith needs to get approval to release the funds from the other three congregations before we release the funds.
 - D) The fund was originally designated specifically for flood relief.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to grant approval for Wings of Faith to move forward on the Ebenezer project, pending approval from the other three congregations involved in Wings of Faith. The vote tally was 6 approve, 2 oppose, 1 abstention.
5. **Pastoral Report Metrics:** The pros and cons of having the pastor's reports be formatted as a list of events as opposed to a summary was discussed. The ability to measure trends of pastoral duties (ex. home and hospital visits, committee meetings, office hours, etc.) and the potential to track these actions as a means of assessing our need for two pastors were discussed. The council recommended that the idea be given to the HR Committee and that the HR Committee report back to council with its recommendation in a timely manner.
6. **Mike Reynold's Diakonia Expenses:** A motion was moved and seconded that LCR release \$250.00 to help with M. Reynold's Diakonia tuition expenses. \$250.00 is the precedent set by LCR in helping past Diakonia students pay for their tuition. The motion was amended to state that the funds will be released "Contingent on Fund Availability." The motion then passed unanimously.
7. **Property Committee:** No report yet on the Sexton position.
8. **Finance Committee:** The committee requested that Marian Robey be approved to the Vanguard Account Signatory. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously. The

council has requested Finance to choose someone to replace Marian Robey as the individual who has Shepherd's Staff Administrative privileges.

9. **New Council Member Installation:** Will be held on Sunday, June 28 at all three services for the new council members who are present at each respective service. Outgoing council members will be recognized for their service at that time.
10. Kari Ries will photograph the new council members in the near future.

PRAYER REQUESTS & ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed with prayer at approx. 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Robey
June 16, 2009