

**Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
Yardley, Pennsylvania
Congregational Council Minutes
Meeting of March 16, 2009**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor Colleen Cox, John Brayshaw, Becky Ehrenfeld, Frank Ehrenfeld III, Mike Garozzo, Jane Helms, Jeff Mullican, Paul Rensner, Kari Ries, Mike Robey, Chuck Tobias, Elaine Zimmerman

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Pastor Sharon Taylor, Kara Mullican, Marie Speers

MEMBERS OF 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 Colleen led the council in devotions. Becky Ehrenfeld 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 expenses were high due to the purchase of airline tickets for the Tanzania trip. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve both the January and February Treasurer's Reports as presented.

Financial Secretary's Report: Report attached. Discussion ensued over apparent discrepancies between the financial secretary's report and the treasurer's report. We discussed the question of whether the "Year to Date" figures from both reports should match. John Brayshaw will investigate with the Finance Committee. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the Financial Secretary's Report.

Finance Committee: No report

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: Report attached

Christian Education: No report

Support Ministries: No report

Grant Proposal Liaison Committee: No report

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 16, 2009 Council Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Building Expansion Report** – Walt Reller gave an update on the building expansion project status. Despite receiving a municipal variance for our building project, a municipal Land Development Permit will also be required; the approval would be good for 5 years. Phase II is estimated to be at least 10 years out, however as long as some part of Phase II is constructed within the next 5 years, the project will be grandfathered under the approval. One option to avoid obtaining the Land Development Permit would be to reduce our impervious coverage by replacing the front sidewalk with stepping stones. This has been proposed to LMT. No decision has been announced.
- 2. Lenten Soup Supper** – Council is in charge of serving the meal on 3/18. A sign up sheet for bringing soup or salad was passed around.
- 3. Winter Congregational Meeting Follow-up** – Frank Ehrenfeld asked if council had received any feedback regarding this meeting. No comments had been received. Becky Ehrenfeld will have the minutes from this meeting ready for the April council meeting.
- 4. Council Project Status** – Becky Ehrenfeld reported that after the success of the Kensington outreach, she is working with the pastor who organizes the outreach, to see in what ways LCR can continue serving in this mission. Council discussed possibly reaching out to St. John’s Lutheran.
- 5. All-Committee Night** – Pastor Sharon reported to council that based on feedback received from the various committees, all-committee night will have a more dialogue based format. Some committees have not yet provided feedback on all committee night; this feedback will be given to Pastor Sharon when available.
- 6. Strategic Planning Team** – Each council member submitted 3 names of people to be considered for this team. Pastor Sharon will contact these individuals regarding serving on this team.
- 7. Audit Committee Update** – The audit committee has yet to meet due to health issues. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to add Mark Stuckley to the audit team to assist in the audit.
- 8. Building Usage Discussion** – Frank Ehrenfeld proposed several drafts of building usage request forms. It was discussed that it might be easier to have one form instead of several. It was discussed that the no alcohol policy needs to be stressed, as well as the fact that users shall be required to clean-up after themselves. The fee schedule for building usage was also discussed; we could charge a 10% tithe that would be based on the fee charged for the event, or we could set up a schedule based on the number of participants. Frank Ehrenfeld will propose one draft building usage form with a proposed fee schedule at the next meeting.
- 9. Financial Secretary Report Update** – Becky Ehrenfeld reported that the financial secretary has further clarified the “Pledged to Date” and “Estimated YTD Pledges” columns of her report.

10. **MOCs** – Chris. Ed. is reviewing our MOCs policy and looking into questions that have arisen about the policy, such as concerns regarding parents picking up other children from events.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **LCR Announcements and Counter Sign Up** – A sign up sheet was passed around. Council members will also sign up to be present in the Fellowship Hall after the 8 am service until the 11 am service, to answer questions or listen to any member concerns.
2. **Pastor Taylor Housing Allowance** – Pastor Taylor’s housing allowance has increased to \$36,000 per year.
3. **Spring Congregational Meeting** – Sunday, June 7 was proposed as the tentative date for this meeting. A draft agenda will be available at the April council meeting, as well as the Nominating Committee’s report. The Finance Committee will also present a report at the April meeting regarding the financial status of LCR to date.
4. **Capital Campaign Plan 2009** - Barb Spencer will form a committee to look at revitalizing the campaign and communicating the status of campaign pledges to members.
5. **Intentional Stewardship – Modeling in Ministries** – tabled.
6. **Council Training Workshop** – The Synod is providing training for new council members on 3/21/09. Additional information regarding this event can be found at www.ministrylink.org.
7. **Building Expansion Model** – It was suggested that this model be removed from the Narthex, as it no longer accurately reflects the phases of our building program. It was suggested that it be replaced with a representation of how the capital campaign money has been spent. Sandy Mullican and Barb Spencer will take the lead on this.
8. **Committee Liaisons** – Council committee liaisons were reminded to have their committees submit monthly reports for the council packets.

PRAYER REQUESTS & ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed with prayer at approx. 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Ehrenfeld
April 12, 2009