

**Lutheran Church of the Resurrection  
Yardley, Pennsylvania  
Congregational Council Minutes  
Meeting of May 18, 2009**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pastor Colleen Cox, John Brayshaw, Becky Ehrenfeld, Frank Ehrenfeld III, Mike Garozzo, Jane Helms, Paul Rensner, Mike Robey, Marie Speers, Chuck Tobias, Elaine Zimmerman

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Pastor Sharon Taylor, Jeff Mullican, Kara Mullican, Kari Ries

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**DEVOTIONS**

Frank Ehrenfeld led the council in devotions.

**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:** Report attached. It was highlighted that music equipment for the new coffee house will be purchased with resources from Thrivent.

**Pastor Colleen's Report:** Report attached. Pastor Cox highlighted the upcoming *Nooma* Bible study opportunity that will take place over the summer.

**Missions Committee:** Report attached

**Stewardship:** No report

**Fellowship:** No report

**Property Committee:** It was reported that the soffit repairs will begin shortly. The committee is looking to fill a Sexton position to take care of odd-jobs around the church.

**Worship and Music:** It was reported that this summer's mid-week worship services will be on 6/24, 7/29, and 8/26. Libertae will also be invited.

**Christian Education:** No report

**Support Ministries:** No report

**Endowment Fund Committee:** No report

**PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the April 20, 2009 Council Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. **Building Expansion Committee update** – The neighbors have dropped their appeal of our building project. The only step that remains is the Planning Commission. We can expect to start building in the fall of 2009.
2. **Spring Congregational Meeting Agenda** –The agenda was mailed out late due to the difficulty of finding qualified candidates for the elections. Council will be prepared in case someone raises this as an issue at the meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the Nominating Committee slates for Congregational Council, Endowment Committee, and Financial Secretary. It was discussed that we need to be clear on our financial status at the meeting.
3. **Nominating Committee** – The committee is still actively looking to find candidates for the upcoming elections. The committee will be thanked and dismissed at the spring meeting.
4. **HR Committee Appointment** – The committee currently consists of Jim Wohlhueter, Ruth Reller, Jen Vajda, and Betsy Elwell. Council needs to appoint two individuals to replace Vajda and Elwell. Several candidates were discussed. Frank Ehrenfeld will approach these individuals about serving on the committee.
5. **Audit Committee Update** – The audit team is working on the audit. Their report needs to be approved by Council prior to August 2009.
6. **Finance Committee & Resurrection Connections Reporting** – Ted Ebersole prepared an explanation of the financial table that will appear in Resurrection Connections. Frank Ehrenfeld and Jeff Mullican have proposed a more concise explanation of the table. Council will review and get any comments to Becky Ehrenfeld over the next few days.
7. **Building Usage Request & Form** – Council reviewed a building usage request from Incorporating Yoga, which was submitted on the new Building Usage Request Form. The form itself was discussed as well as what the proposed fee schedule should be. A monthly fee of \$240 was agreed upon for this request. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the building usage request. There were 6 ayes, 3 nays, and 1 abstention.
8. **Capital Campaign Plan '09** – Barb Spencer will be meeting on 5/19 with members of the Capital Campaign Committee to discuss ways to conclude the campaign at the end of 2009. Barb will report back to council at the next meeting.
9. **Council Retreat** – There will be a retreat for council members this summer or fall. Pastor Sharon will email council potential dates for the retreat.
10. **Council Service Project Follow-up** – Becky Ehrenfeld shared an email from Jim Snider, Pastor of the Cast Your Cares ministry in Kensington, regarding items needed for their ministry. It was noted that any collections would need to be coordinated with Missions. Also, the next date for serving a meal in Kensington with Washington Crossing UMC is Saturday, May 30. Council is encouraged to participate. Becky will invite members of the congregation to participate in this outreach next time on June 27.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. **LCR Announcements and Counter Sign Up** – A sign up sheet will be distributed via email.

2. **Giving Analysis Request** – Jeff Mullican has requested to analyze LCR pledging trends, similar to his analysis of the Capital Campaign pledging. Karen Berner will provide him with the pledging data, which will be anonymous.
3. **Liaisons Duties/Committee Staffing** – Liaisons are reminded to attend meetings of their committees, solicit monthly reports, and address staffing concerns for the committee.
4. **Treasurer Contingency Plan** – Due to the difficulty the nominating committee is having in finding a candidate for treasurer, council discussed the following options. If Marian Robey agrees to take the treasurer position, John Brayshaw has agreed to do payroll. Another option would be to hire a payroll company, which would be expensive. Council will pray on this!
5. **National Youth Gathering** - A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to allow the youth to post an order form for T-shirts on Sunday. Only the orders will be taken – the T-shirts would be delivered at a later time. Pastor Colleen will verify that this fits with our fundraising policy.
6. **A/C Concern** – Mike Garozzo requested that Property Committee investigate the noise from the A/C system that was heard on Sunday.
7. **Executive Session** – Council entered into an executive session.
8. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to contract Diakon Family Health Services to hire Dr. Pastor Terry Leib.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS & ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was closed with prayer at approx. 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Ehrenfeld  
June 8, 2009