

## Minutes of the November 16, 2009 Council Meeting

**Call to Order:** A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

**Devotions:** Lead by C. Tobias.

**Members Excused:** M. Stuckley; S. Taylor.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Congregation/Member Open Floor:** None

**Presentation of Last Month's Minutes:** Amended, then a motion was made, seconded, and the Minutes were approved unanimously.

**Presentation of Reports:** S. Taylor's and C. Cox's reports were presented.

The Financial Secretary's Report was presented, a motion was made, seconded, and the report was approved unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report was presented that included a \$1,600.00 deficit for October was presented. The \$1,600.00 deficit was budgeted in the 2009 budget. A motion was made, seconded, and the report was approved unanimously.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. **Council Vacancy:** Three members were approached by the Council President, but all three declined. The Council President was directed by the council to approach three additional members.
2. **Council Retreat:** An outline was provided for the council retreat for Saturday, November 21 at Upper Tincum Lutheran Church's parsonage.
3. **Financial Secretary/Budget (DRAFT 2):** Three budget scenarios for the 2010 budget were presented to council. It was noted that a 9% increase in the overall giving will result in a balanced budget for 2010. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to terminate the PayPal account. The termination of the PayPal account was requested by the Chairman of the Finance Committee.
4. **MOCS Report:** W. Hall reported that the LCR policy will be compared to the Synod policy and that S. Taylor will present the council with a revised draft policy at either the January 2010, or February 2010 council meeting.
5. **Building Expansion Update:** LCR is tentatively on the Lower Makefield Township Planning Commission agenda for Monday, November 23, 2009. It is unclear whether LCR will receive a recommendation from the Planning Commission at that meeting.
6. **Building Requests:** None
7. **Stewardship Campaign:** Council was encouraged to pray, pledge, and to remind the congregation of the importance of pledging.
8. **Diakon FHS Update:** A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously passed to approve an invoice of \$593.34 to be paid for from the 2009 budget. The council went into Executive Session at 8:40PM. During the Executive Session a resolution passed by a vote of 9 to 1.
9. **Audit Report:** A copy of the Audit Report has been sent to Synod.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. **LCR Sign-up Announcements:** The sign-up sheet was passed around.
2. **Winter Congregational Meeting:** As prescribed by LCR's By-Laws, the date of February 7, 2010 was suggested for the Winter Congregational Meeting. A motion was made to approve the date, seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
3. **Nominating Committee:** As prescribed by LCR's Constitution, two outgoing members of council plus three congregational members must make up the Nominating Committee. P. Rensner and F. Ehrenfeld III will represent the council, and the council president was instructed by the council to start finding members to fill the other three Nominating Committee positions.
4. **SEPA Synod Representatives:** Interested individuals should contact the current Nominating Committee. In addition, ResCon will run a something similar to last year's notice.
5. **Staff Christmas Gifts:** This discussion was tabled until the December 21, 2009 council meeting.
6. **Other:** LCR should consider giving the council Youth Representative an official vote at council meetings. Because the LCR Constitution would have to be amended, this will be an item at the February 7, 2010 Winter Congregational Meeting.
7. **Prayer Requests:** Prayer requests were taken.
8. **Meeting Adjournment:** Prayers were said. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:43PM.

Respectfully Submitted –  
Mike Robey