

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
Yardley, Pennsylvania
Congregational Council Minutes
Meeting of April 19, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor Sharon Taylor, , Lori Inselman, Frank Ehrenfeld III, Mike Garozzo, Wayne Hall, , Paul Rensner, Marie Speers, Mark Stuckley, Chuck Tobias, Chuck Radvan, Gabe Patay

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Marian Robey, Kara Mullican

GUEST: Walt Reller

CALL TO ORDER:

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

DEVOTIONS

Chuck Tobias led the council in devotions. Lori Inselman volunteered to lead the devotions for May Council meeting.

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 personnel expense was substantially over budget due to 3 pay periods in March. Most committees are close to or over their YTD budget. Our commercial liability insurance payment is due May 19th. The bill is \$4600. We are set up to pay this in one payment in May. 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

Missions Committee: Report attached.

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 March 15, 2010 Council Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Building Expansion Update:** Walt Reller was present to update Council on the current status of the building expansion. It was noted that the holly tree and the oak tree near the front Makefield Road entrance will need to be removed. The water lines are adequate for 2 additional restrooms. We are currently waiting to develop the contract documents. Once signed, bids will be obtained from 4 contractors. Interviews will be based on the estimates received. It is projected that in the Fall, implementation can begin on the project.
- 2. Congregational Driven Mission Program:** The timeline was again discussed and deemed to be acceptable. Gabe Patay volunteered to be the liaison to Dr. Leib during the transition of the Council presidency. Frank to submit an outline to Gabe.
- 3. Nominating Committee Update:** Paul reported that 4 members agreed to continue on with another term. One member chose not to continue with another term. A youth appointment has not definitively been made, but will be soon. Several candidates were approached on the office of President. There is still no candidate up for nomination.
- 4. Audit Committee Update:** An audit team is now in place. The committee has met and the audit should be completed before the next meeting. Finance has also contributed to the team.
- 5. Grant Writing Update:** Mike Garozzo reported that there has still been no response from Sabrina. A termination letter will be drafted by Mike and sent to the church dismissing the contract. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to have Mike draft the letter. Pastor Taylor will look into finding another grant writer.
- 6. Oasis Agreement:** Frank reported that Clyde Beury will have an update on the agreement by the next Council meeting.
- 7. SEPA Youth Representative:** A youth rep is not in place. Pastor Sharon stated that it is not necessary to have a youth rep. Howard Spencer and Audrey Woodward are the adult representatives
- 8. Property Committee:** Marie Speers presented a report from Ken. Eric is getting tank removal references. Three quotes are requested. Ken will get the holly and oak tree removal price quote. Kari Ries is checking to see if the wood from the holly tree has any value for woodworkers. The dogwood tree will be removed by the Property Committee. Ken wants to coordinate timing with the building expansion so the trees aren't taken out too early. It was recommended to wait to get quote on partial office roof replacement. Bill Cwicklmski still needs to paint exterior trim on the fellowship hall roof. Ken requested to spend \$240 annually for sewer/water line insurance. Three automatic metering faucets are needed to replace worn or leaking faucets.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. LCR Announcements and Counter Sign Up:** A sign-up sheet was passed around.

- 2. Approve Confirmation Class for 2010:** A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to approve the 2010 confirmation class. The members are Evan Clinton, Alex Brice, Sara Elwell and Christine Trzcinski.
- 3. LCR Insurance Review:** Diane Casey performed an insurance review. Everything is up to date. Premium cost is \$4700. Diane will explore better coverage at lower costs before the May 19th deadline for renewal. Diane and Cheryl Varga to review again in the fall.
- 4. Other:** Chuck Tobias discussed the Kensington outreach seminar for the homeless.
- 5. Other:** Mike Garozzo is starting a new project to showcase what we are doing in the church and getting it out to the community via the internet. Photos and videos of church happenings would like to be placed on social networking sites such as YouTube and Facebook. There was a concern as to the legality of consent by congregation members for permission to place videos and photos on these sites. Pastor Sharon to contact an attorney to see what legal ramifications this presents. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to remove the current videos posted on LCR's website that are linked to YouTube. More conversation concerning the pros/cons, risk reward at next month's meeting.

ADJOURNEMENT: The meeting was closed with prayer at approximately 9:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Lori Inselman
April 19, 2010