

**Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
Yardley, Pennsylvania
Congregational Council Minutes
Meeting of February 15, 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor Sharon Taylor, Frank Ehrenfeld III, Mike Garozzo, Chuck Radvan, Mark Stuckley, Kara Mullican, Paul Rensner, Mike Robey, Lori Inselman

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Marian Robey, Chuck Tobias, Wayne Hall, Gabe Patay

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marie Speers

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Frank Ehrenfeld called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 7:05 p.m.

DEVOTIONS

Pastor Sharon led the council in devotions. Paul volunteered to lead the devotions for March.

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. We did receive an Income and Expense summary. A balance sheet was unable to be submitted because of incompleteness. We will affirm the report for both the Jan/Feb Treasurer's report at March's meeting.

Financial Secretary's Report: Report attached.

Finance Committee: No Report.

Pastor Sharon'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 January 18, 2010 Council Meeting were reviewed. The minutes were amended to correct spelling errors for Greg Griesemer's and Paul Rensner's names. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes as amended. It was also noted that the December 2009 minutes still need to be reviewed and approved. This will take place at March's meeting as well.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Diakon Family Health Services:

a. Follow-up 01/31: Feedback on the luncheon for Pastor Colleen has been positive. The luncheon was well planned. It was suggested to occasionally have one service in order to encourage more fellowship within the congregation.

b. Follow-up 2/07: The feedback on the Congregational Meeting has been good even though attendance was affected by the snowstorm. It was noted that the paper balloting seemed more organized than in previous meetings and that we are getting better in doing that. Council was encouraged to continue listening and to be open to what members are thinking about the status of the church.

c. Budget/Costs: Frank received a quote from Diakon for the congregational driven missions program. The cost for Dr. Leib's consultative services is \$1600.00 plus expenses (mileage etc.). These services were thought to be a valuable tool moving forward. The timing of implementing this program was also discussed. It was felt that the program would be best suited to commence after Easter but before the summer. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the agreement for Diakon. President Ehrenfeld will e-mail Diakon. :

2. Office Manager/HR: Interviewing for the office manager position will take place this week. There were many inquiries and it was narrowed to 5 suitable candidates. Greg Griesemer and Pastor Sharon will be conducting the interviews and hope to make a decision shortly.

3. Building Requests: Clyde Beury has been in contact with Oasis. They are presently looking at the proposed agreement. There are no details to report at this time but hopefully there will be more to report at our next meeting. The requests for the Thompson party and Be the Change Foundation are in place. A new request for the building was received to reserve Saturday March 20, 2010 for the Breakfast of Champions for Thrivent. The request is sponsored by Sandy Mullican. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously contingent upon the forms being completed.

4. Audit team: Frank reported that he is still trying to recruit members for the Audit team. Kent Elwell will continue to serve.

5. Grant Writing: Mike Garozzo reported that an e-mail was sent and to date there has been no response. He will try to get in touch with Sabrina Cusimano of Hope Lutheran Church and follow-up with her.

6. SEPA Youth Rep: There is still no youth representative in place.

NEW BUSINESS

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

2. Property Management: A question arose about the follow-up to obtaining insurance for the pipe maintenance and line coverage for the building. Ken Speers will be contacted regarding this.

3. Nominating Committee: The committee plans to meet with Pastor Taylor shortly.

4. Other: Mark Stuckley has approached council about designated giving for specific requests that are already budgeted and unbudgeted. Members have asked if there is a way to see on their financial statements when specific requests of giving are made instead of

the giving going into the general fund. Council will solicit the opinion of Finance and Stewardship on this matter. Mark also reported that there has been a request to see if we can change the wine that is currently used for communion to something more palatable. The Worship and Music committee will be consulted on this request.

PRAYER REQUESTS & ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed with prayer at approx. 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Inselman
February 15, 2010