

**Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
Yardley, Pennsylvania
Congregational Council Minutes
Meeting of January 18, 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor Sharon Taylor, Pastor Colleen Cox, , Frank Ehrenfeld III, Mike Garozzo, Wayne Hall, Kara Mullican, , Marie Speers, Mark Stuckley, Chuck Tobias, Mike Robey, Marian Robey, Gabe Patay, Lori Inselman

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Paul Rensner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chuck Radvan

CALL TO ORDER:

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

DEVOTIONS

Mike Robey led the council in devotions that were prepared by Marian Robey. There were no volunteers to do devotions for February.

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. President Ehrenfeld thanked the council liaisons for reminding their committee's to submit Year End 2009 Reports to the Office Manager for inclusion into the Annual report.

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. Mike Garozzo had asked if we would be able to obtain an exact amount of the deficit. President Ehrenfeld noted that it is listed in the Treasurer's Report and detailed in the Finance Committee's Report. 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

Pastor Colleen's Report: Report attached

Missions Committee: Report attached. A revision was made to the 5th Sunday Appeal designation. The appeal shall go to Lutheran World Relief for the victims of the Haiti earthquake. Cast Your Cares ministry in Kensington Philadelphia will be the recipient at a later time.

Stewardship: No report

Fellowship: No report

Property Committee: No report

Worship and Music: Report attached

Christian Education: No report

Support Ministries: No report

Endowment Fund Committee: No report

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES The minutes of the December 21, 2009 Council Meeting were deferred with disbursement and approval to take place at the February Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Council Vacancy:** Frank Ehrenfeld welcomed Lori Inselman to the position of acting council secretary.
2. **Diakon Family Health Services Update:** Frank Ehrenfeld received an invoice in the amount of \$412.32 for Dr. Terry Leib for on-going consultation services. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the invoice. He was also asked to keep a log of any correspondence in reference to Pastor Colleen's letter. Feedback and follow-up have been healthy. Pamphlets were distributed about Congregation Driven Mission. Frank will get price quotes for utilizing the program suggested by Dr. Leib. It was also discussed if we could speak with congregations currently engaged in that program. Issues about timing and when to initiate the program were also discussed. It was asked whether or not grants can be used to fund the program. It was also noted that our relationship with the grant writer has dissipated and we will try to reconnect.
3. **Luncheon Planning:** Sue Nelson and the fellowship team agreed to coordinate the food for the luncheon. They will also take care of a sign-up for set-up and clean-up duties.
4. **Winter Congregational Meeting Agenda:** There are some revisions to the meeting agenda. Clyde Beury will not be able to attend the Synod assembly. A male and youth representative are still needed. A Parliamentarian for the meeting may not come from Council. Frank Ehrenfeld will solicit someone to serve this role.
5. **Building Expansion Update:** A report was submitted by Walt Reller and is attached.
6. **Office Manager/HR:** Greg Griesemer and the HR committee are actively involved in recruiting for this position.
7. **Oasis, BTC and other building requests:**
 - a. There is no new agreement in place for Oasis. Clyde Beury will follow-up with them for the request to renew the agreement.
 - b. Be the Change Foundation has requested building use for Sat 3/13/10 from 10am to 1pm. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to approve the usage.
 - c. Former member Jason Thompson has requested use of the Fellowship Hall for 2/20/10 from 1pm to 3pm for his child's birthday party. Contingent on the request form being completed, a motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously for the request.
8. **Housing Allowance Approval:** The housing allowance for Pastor Colleen was affirmed and voted upon at the November meeting. This was reaffirmed since it did not make it into the minutes for that month. Attached is the correspondence pertinent to the allowance.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **LCR Announcements and Counter Sign Up:** A sign-up sheet was passed around.
2. **Audit Committee for YE 2009:** Kent Elwell will continue to serve. Bob Davis will continue to serve as a consultant. Dick Plummer can not be on the committee. We are looking for two additional members, but ideally would like four.
3. **Emergency Budget Expenditures:**
 - a. An estimate as for \$6300.00 was received for the sewer repair in fellowship hall. The property committee has pre-designated funds available from the building expenditures fund of 2008. It was also suggested to look into insurance offered by the water company for pipe maintenance.
 - b. The bellows for the organ are also in need of repair. The budgeted amount for repair is \$2000.00. This is part of the W & M instrument repair fund. The cost must initially come from the emergency reserve fund but then will be reimbursed from the appropriate fund
4. **Diakonia Tuition Reimbursement:** Mike Reynolds has submitted his semester tuition for \$360.00. In the past, reimbursement is approved for \$250.00 which comes from the Lay Ministry Fund. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved for \$250.00

PRAYER REQUESTS & ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at approx. 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Inselman
January 18, 2010