

**Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
Yardley, Pennsylvania
Congregational Council Minutes
Meeting of May 17, 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Inselman, Frank Ehrenfeld III, Mike Garozzo, Wayne Hall, , Paul Rensner, Marie Speers, Mark Stuckley, Chuck Tobias, Gabe Patay, Marian Robey, Kara Mullican

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Pastor Sharon Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chuck Radvan

CALL TO ORDER:

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

DEVOTIONS

Lori Inselman led the council in devotions. Mike Garozzo volunteered to lead the devotions for June 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 giving was \$3600 under what was pledged. One particular member is aware that they are behind but will be current with their pledge shortly. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Financial Secretary's Report: A report was not available for approval. A report will be available for our next council meeting.

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: Report attached.

Christian Education: No report.

Support Ministries: No report

Endowment Fund Committee: Report attached.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the April 19, 2010 Council Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Building Expansion Update:** Since our last meeting, Frank and Lori met at the attorney's office to have the documents signed and notarized. The documents were then given to Walt Reller to be presented to the township. At the May 25, 2010 meeting bids will be solicited from 5-6 qualified contractors.
- 2. Congregational Driven Mission Program:** Dr. Leib is back to work today. Frank and Gabe to review his schedule and report back at next council meeting.
- 3. Nominating Committee Update:** Some last minute changes were made to open council positions. Lori Inselman previously was nominated to continue to serve as secretary, however due to personal circumstances, she is unable to fill that role. Marie Speers was nominated to serve as Secretary and Lori was nominated to serve in the at-large position that Marie currently holds.
- 4. Audit Committee Update:** Frank reported that two reports were received from the committee. One report showed a discrepancy that was brought to Finance's attention. The remaining report is due from Kent Elwell.
- 5. Grant Writing Update:** A letter of termination was sent to the grant writer by Mike Garozzo. The letter is attached for review.
- 6. Oasis Agreement:** Frank reported that Clyde Beury has met with Oasis three times. At present, Oasis is not ready to present a new agreement due to re-organizing. They are concerned about the financial commitment, citing they are cutting back on time and thus would like a reduction in the monthly rent. The details are still being worked out and a report will be forthcoming for June's council meeting.
- 7. Spring Congregational Meeting Agenda:** Agenda attached
- 8. Insurance Update:** Diane Casey has proposed a new policy with better coverage for less money. Marian Robey stated that will we be paying the deposit only, not the full premium at this time.
- 9. Website Liability Project:** It was suggested that a policy and procedure outline be in place. A committee is to be formed on this subject. Mike Garozzo, Chuck Tobias and Lori Inselman volunteered to be part of this committee. Pastor Sharon also to be involved but she was not present to fully commit her time to this project at this meeting. It was discussed to contact Trinity Lutheran in Lansdale to see what they have in place. Lori volunteered to contact Trinity since she was a former member there and she will report back at our next council meeting.
- 10. Building Use:** Be the Change foundation has requested use of the building to wrap goods for the Rachel Kurtz concert on June 5 at 9:30am for about 1 1/2 hours. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to allow BTC the building use for this date.

NEW BUSINESS

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

2. **Regional Youth Gathering:** Kara Mullican reported that a Regional Youth Gathering will be held at West Chester University. The cost is \$325.00 per person. A car wash fundraiser is scheduled for June 13,2010. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved or the youth to hold their car wash on June 13.
3. **Property Update:** The LCR phone system is non-functioning. The Property Committee states that the repair is not to exceed \$3000. May need to use reserve funds for this. Property to communicate with Finance to best see how to pay for this. It was also suggested to give Property the authority to research other options to the current phone system and to cooperate with Finance on the matter and then report back to council with their findings.
4. **Finance Conference:** Marian Robey reported that she and Ted Ebersole attended a church management and tax conference. It was noted that they need to speak with Walt Reller about corporate construction and how a non-profit connects us to the ELCA
5. **LCR Website:** The LCR website has been well received. Jeff Mullican is the current website administrator and would like to step down from this role. It was suggested to advertise the vacancy in the Resurrection Connections. Frank to talk to Jeff about job description.
6. **Other:** Lori Inselman inquired about the possibility of having one service of worship to encourage fellowship amongst members and to tie it in with the Congregational Driven Mission Program. Since Pastor Colleen's last service and luncheon was well received, it was suggested to do this on a regular basis.

ADJOURNEMENT: The meeting was closed with prayer at approximately 9:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori Inselman
May 17, 2010