

CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church – Milton, Pennsylvania

February 1, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.

Council Members:

Class of 2011

Kay Dunn
Stephen Moll
Nancy Walters

Class of 2012

Don Fisher
Roger Watts
Barry Yeager

Class of 2013

James Bartlett
Ed Coup
Nancy Mensch

Other Officers

Rose Deaner, Treasurer
Ruth Greenly, Financial Secretary
Rev. Pat Pittsnogle, Pastor

Our Mission:

We are called by God to follow Christ's example and teachings through worshiping, witnessing, learning, supporting one another, and reaching out to others.

WE ARE CALLED BY GOD

The meeting began with reading of the mission statement, lighting of the candle, and prayer. In attendance: Kay Dunn, Stephen Moll, Nancy Walters, Barry Yeager, James Bartlett, Nancy Mensch, Ruth Greenly, Roger Watts, Rose Deaner, and Pastor Pat Pittsnogle. Excused from this meeting: Ed Coup and Don Fisher.

TO FOLLOW CHRIST'S EXAMPLE AND TEACHINGS

Devotions were given by Nancy Walters on Psalm 8. Joys and concerns were shared.

THROUGH WORSHIPING

Kay Dunn will lead the March devotions.

Worship and Music Report: During Epiphany, energy efficient light bulb may be donated as an offering to the food bank for needy families.

We will be using a new liturgy for Lent, composed by Brett Hosterman.

Mid-Week Lenten services will be with Northern Lights again this year.

Good Friday will highlight the Stations of the Cross, details to follow.

Youth Worship Participants will once again be assigned because voluntary sign-ups for participation were poor.

Dates to Remember: 2/26 – Land and Season liturgy; 3/6 – Transfiguration of Our Lord; 3/9 – Ash Wednesday; 4/17 – Palm Sunday; 4/21 – Maundy Thursday; 4/22 – Good Friday; 4/24 – Resurrection of Our Lord.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 28.

The Pastor's Report: The January report was reviewed and accepted via email.

Pray for discernment in asking individuals to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2011.

Nominations will take place at our February meeting. Kay Dunn has agreed to serve with 5 others to be nominated.

Pastor Pat moved to approve new member requests (following instruction) for Jane Gamache and family (transfer from UCC); Deb McDermott (transfer from Roman Catholic); Vic and Sharon Randolph (transfer from United Methodist). Nancy Walters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pastor Pat moved that Angelina and Christine Ulmer be approved for First Communion. Nancy Walters seconded. Motion carried.

March 13 will be the Annual Meeting of the Congregation.

Voting members needed for the 2011 Synod Assembly. Female delegate Nancy Mensch and Rose Deaner is the alternate. No male delegates yet.

Ministry Groups will be the focus of a Leadership Retreat scheduled for February 25 from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM.

WITNESSING

No Report.

LEARNING

Christian Education: Youth overnight February 18 and McDonalds Day February 19. Adults needed to help supervise the youth at the sleep-over. Bible Buddies will be held in conjunction with the sleep-over.

Currently cleaning out Sunday School Closets and taking inventory of supplies.

SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

Minutes from the January 2010 council meeting were reviewed and approved via email.

Treasurers Report: Nancy Walters moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved subject to audit. Kay Dunn Seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Endowment: An explanation of our Thrivent Funds was presented and will be incorporated into the Finance Committee's Annual Report.

Endowment moved that:

- Request # 41 for missionary support be approved. Kay Dunn seconded. Motion carried.
- Request # 43 for "Fishing for People" be approved. Nancy Walters seconded. Motion carried.
- Request # 44 for matching funds for "Souper Bowl of Caring" be approved. Barry Yeager seconded. Motion carried.

Results of joint meeting of Endowment and Finance was presented for discussion.

Property: New heat tape and electrical equipment was purchased for gutter along the rear

entrance.

Request for individuals to learn about the church property functions, building maintenance, utilities and security system.

Staff Support: Next meeting February 21 at 6:30 PM.

Finance: New 2011 budget print out distributed.

Finance moved that Endowment fund recommendations resulting from the joint meeting of endowment and finance be approved. James Bartlett seconded. Motion carried.

Finance recommends that a vote be taken on an annual basis allowing the congregation to breach the principle of investment and housing allowance accounts. Tabled until March meeting.

Church accounting, Roger Watts is working on software and Stephen Moll is working on hardware.

Restrictions of special funds tabled from December meeting not discussed. No action taken. Topic will remain on agenda for immediate discussion as need arises.

Thrivent Resolution for officers was completed and signed.

Offering counters sign-up for next month.

Audit Committee appointments tabled until after the February Finance meeting.

AND REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

Social Ministry: No report.

SENDING FOR MISSION

Pastor Pat offered prayers for special concerns. All participated in the Lord's Prayer and singing of the Doxology.

The meeting adjourned at ~8:00 p.m.

Agenda items for the March 1, 2011, meeting are due by Sunday, February 27.

Respectfully submitted,
James Bartlett, Secretary