

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church – Milton, Pennsylvania
November 22, 2009

The November 22, 2009, annual congregational meeting of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church was called to order to present, discuss, and vote on:

1. Elect Council Member for 2010
2. Elect Endowment Committee Member
3. Adopt the 2010 Budget

Elect Council Member for 2010

The following members were presented on recommendation from the nominating committee for appointment to church council: Nancy Walters to fill a two-year position opened as a result of the resignation of Michael Lazor; Donald Fisher, Roger Watts, and Barry Yeager to fill three-year positions. James Bartlett seconded the recommendation and all members present approved.

Elect Endowment Committee Member

As a result of the recommendation from the endowment committee, Betty Morgan was presented to fill a three-year term on the endowment committee. Ruth Greenly seconded and all members present approved.

Adopt the 2010 Budget

The 2010 budget was presented. Don Fisher outlined our income which consists of weekly offerings totaling \$136,000; the pastoral housing allowing of \$6,000; and use of facilities income of \$3,000. The 2010 budget was built around the known income of \$145,000. Items were cut from the budget based on this projected income for 2010. Discussion ensued. Roger Watts commented on the external benevolences and education cuts from the budget. Rose Bolich pointed out that we are a wealthy church, and we should not close the door to outreach. She challenged everyone to increase their weekly giving and made a motion to put the \$1,600 back in the budget for local benevolences. Roger Watts seconded. All members present approved. Nancy Walters spoke about the importance of Christian Education and made a motion to add Christian Education in the budget in the amount of \$1,475. Nancy Mensch seconded. All members present approved. Rose Bolich talked about the bad effects of the economy, but, again encouraged everyone to try to increase giving if you are able. Laurie Fisher spoke about how it is hard on those of us who give fully and consistently to carry the burden for the entire church. Rose Deaner said that since taking over the position of treasurer, she has a new perspective on giving and she will increase her giving. She also talked about the ordinary day-to-day expenses that cannot be cut as they are essential to running the church. After the final discussions, a motion was made to add \$1,600 for local benevolences and \$1,475 for Christian Education back into the 2010 budget bringing the total budget to \$148,075. The motion was seconded with an approval of all present except for one nay vote.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Spear, Secretary