

CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church – Milton, Pennsylvania
April 6, 2010 6:30 p.m.

Council Members:

<u>Class of 2010</u>	<u>Class of 2011</u>	<u>Class of 2012</u>	
Stephanie Byers	Kay Dunn	Don Fisher	Rose Deaner, Interim Treasurer
Donna Spear	Stephen Moll	Roger Watts	Ruth Greenly, Financial Secretary
Tim Walsh	Nancy Walters	Barry Yeager	Pastor Pat Pittsnogle

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: Stephanie Byers, Rose Deaner, Kay Dunn, Don Fisher, Ruth Greenly, Stephen Moll, Pastor Pat Pittsnogle, Donna Spear, Tim Walsh, Nancy Walters, Roger Watts, Barry Yeager. Excused from this meeting: None.

TO FOLLOW CHRIST'S EXAMPLE AND TEACHINGS

Devotions were given by Nancy Walters. Joys and concerns were shared.

Christopher Fellon, our Brotherhood Mutual insurance representative, provided detailed information concerning property and liability coverage for church building and pavilion usage. Mr. Fellon is going to provide a report for council's review with recommendations to improving our current coverage.

THROUGH WORSHIPING

Steph Byers will lead May council meeting devotions.

Worship and Music Report: The mid-week Lenten shared worship services had good response. We hope to participate again next year. The planned Maundy Thursday Seder Meal was also well received. Land & Seasons liturgy will be used on April 25. On Mother's Day, May 9, we are going to hand out bags of Hershey's Kisses instead of flowers. Ascension service on May 13 will be a joint Northern Lights service at Fullmer Lutheran. Pentecost service is May 23. Joint summer worship with Trinity begins June 6.

Pastor's Report for March was reviewed and accepted via email. We are still considering the possibility of hosting Alcoholics Anonymous meetings at our Church.

WITNESSING

Witness Ministry Report: On April 15-17 photographs will be taken for the new church directory. Information was included in the newsletter. Members can sign up for a time either on Sunday mornings or via our church website. There will be an Easter breakfast at 8:00 with worship beginning at 9:30 on April 4.

LEARNING

Christian Education Report: Bible Buddies is scheduled for April 16. The cost of the youth bibles has been reached and exceeded.

SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

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

Rose Deaner provided a treasurer's report for March 2010. Don asked for verification on the projected deficit for the year, and Tim Walsh asked if year-to-date totals can be provided for the designated receipts. Don Fisher motioned to approve the report subject to audit and Nancy Walters seconded. All approved.

Endowment Committee Report: Request #29 for financial support of our missionaries of up to \$1,000 came as a recommendation from the endowment committee. Don Fisher seconded. All approved. Request #33 for the Northern Lights "leaves for Camp Mount Luther" electric repair project during Lent to match funds up to \$2,000 came as a recommendation from the endowment committee. Donna Spear seconded. All approved.

Property Report: Update on the old baptismal font repairs includes that it is unpacked in the manufacturing facility in Vermont. We will have an updated quotation for repair/restoration within the week. Council previously approved up to \$1,500 for repair/restoration. The excess water bill due to the unknown leak for a period of time has been resolved in the amount of \$1,196.73. The leak has since been corrected.

Staff Support Report: No report.

Finance Committee Report: Recommendation came from Finance to establish a remaining Memorial Funds balance of \$8,362.00 based on Roger's research from records. Nancy Walters seconded. All approved. Recommendation from Finance to permit Roger to research the Thrivent accounts via statements and check registers to verify exactly how much money remains in each subdivision of the main Thrivent account. Rose Deaner seconded. All approved.

AND REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

We resumed the discussion about Alcohol Anonymous meetings to be held at our church. Don Fisher motioned to allow Alcohol Anonymous to meet in our church for up to 60 days at which time they will need to provide Certificate of Insurance and name us as additional insured in order to continue use of our building. Nancy Walters seconded. The group will meet Tuesdays from 9 to 10 a.m. with entrance to the building at 8 a.m.

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 p.m.

Agenda items for the May 4 meeting are due by Sunday, May 2.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Spear, Secretary