

**CONGREGATION COUNCIL  
And  
LEADERSHIP RETREAT MEETING MINUTES**

**Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church – Milton, Pennsylvania  
August 5, 2008**

**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 were: Council members: Rose Bolich, Stephanie Byers, Don Fisher, Michael Lazor, Pastor Pat Pittsnogle, Donna Spear, Tim Walsh and ministry leaders Kellie Brouse, Frank Hartzel, Nancy Mensch, Pam Walsh, and Roger Watts. Excused from the meeting: Kay Dunn, Dale Kriner, Ruth Greenly, Stephen Moll, and Judy Schneider.

**TO FOLLOW CHRIST'S EXAMPLE AND TEACHINGS**

Devotions were given by Pastor Pat. Joys and concerns were shared.

The Leadership Retreat consisted of brainstorming ways in which we can streamline meetings, improve cross communication, and to organize and strengthen our ministry groups around the mission statement.

The idea of "monthly meetings" where everyone on committees would meet to talk was discussed. (This was a practice from years ago which seemed to work well.) We will revisit this meeting idea next month after everyone has a chance to think about it more and then make a decision. Meanwhile as ministry groups are meeting during the next few weeks, this idea can be considered and discussed.

**THROUGH WORSHIPING**

Pastor Pat will lead the September devotions.

There was no Worship and Music Committee report.

The Pastor's report for July was reviewed and accepted (motion by Rose Bolich and second by Tim Walsh).

**WITNESSING**

Deadline for September newsletter is August 14.

**LEARNING**

Nancy Mensch and Pam Walsh are now leading the Christian Education ministry group. Thank you to Kellie Brouse for her past service in this ministry.

**SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER**

Minutes from the July meeting were reviewed and approved (motion by Rose Bolich, second by Mike Lazor).

The treasurer's report for July provided by Dale Kriner was approved (motion by Donna Spear, second by Rose Bolich) as written, subject to audit. There was a lengthy discussion about how we can turn around

the “negative” undertone of the budget deficit into a positive by educating and communicating our current financial situation. The giving tree campaign is not as successful as was hoped to this point. Donna Spear will write a summary to be included in the Sunday bulletin as we continue this giving campaign through October.

Rose Bolich reported on the proposed amendment to the constitution concerning the nominating committee. A report was handed out for review. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Steph Byers reviewed the Endowment Committee report. There are three current requests:

Request #003: Recommendation to fund 75% of five applications for Camp Mt. Luther Summer Camp in the amount of \$1,481.75. Rose Bolich seconded and all approved.

Request #004: Match funds for the 2008 church budget for 11 local benevolences in the amount of \$2,400. The endowment fund committee needs further information before recommending this request. However, it was noted that there may be some gray area in the Resolution to Implement the Endowment Fund that will need to be addressed.

Request #005: Vacation Bible School Mission Project to support schools in Cuzco & Peru with meals, education, and skill training in the amount of \$200. Rose Bolich seconded the recommendation and all approved.

From the Property Committee, Frank reported that the parking lot project is almost done. The lines will be painted during the next few days.

Roger reported on the pavilion project. The final plans are pending final review and seal by the architect. The bidding process will begin as soon as we have four copies of the plans.

Staff Support will meet again on August 12.

### **AND REACHING OUT TO OTHERS**

Kim Herr has volunteered to be Crop Walk coordinator this year

### **SENDING FOR MISSION**

The meeting ended with silence for reflections and singing of the Doxology. Pastor Pat finished with the Benediction.

Agenda items for the September 9 meeting are due by Sunday, September 7.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Spear, Secretary