

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church – Milton, Pennsylvania
September 28, 2008

The September 28, 2008, special congregational meeting of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church was called to order to revisit and present, discuss, and vote on two projects.

1. Pavilion Project (revisited)
2. Security and Fire Alarm System Project (presented)

A spreadsheet outlining balances in the Endowment Fund was handed out and reviewed. Pastor Pat explained each of the columns in the spreadsheet. Roger Watts questioned discrepancies in total amounts. Rose Deaner responded by explaining that this fund is perpetually changing according to the stock market and the economy.

Frank Hartzel motioned that we approve an increase of the previously approved budget of \$65,000 for the pavilion project to a not-to-exceed budget of \$75,000. Kellie Brouse seconded the motion. The funding for the pavilion project will be from memorial gifts received and the balance taken from the facilities portion of the Endowment Fund.

A paper ballot vote was taken. Ruth Greenly and the ushers tallied the votes. The result of the pavilion project vote was 30 yeas and 27 nays.

Discussion opened for the security and fire system. Anna Mae Harpster asked for a full explanation about who gets contacted in the result of the system alert being set off. Roger Watts explained that the State and Milton Police as well as the closest fire department is alerted. But first a phone call chain begins to a list of approximately five church members. George Bolich asked whether we currently have and how much insurance on our building. Roger Watts and Frank Hartzel explained that we do, but the exact amount was uncertain at the time of the meeting. Steph Byers commented on the life safety factor of the security and fire system. She and her children spend much time in this building as well as many others. One life saved is worth the cost of the system. Frank Hartzel also commented on the life safety factor. Having the system would allow time to get people out to safety. Roger Watts reiterated the safety and precaution factor. Tim Walsh asked whether having the security and fire system would reduce the cost of our insurance. Roger Watts responded that the decrease is only about 10 percent. Frank added that the savings could be applied to the maintenance of the system.

A paper ballot vote was taken. Ruth Greenly and the ushers tallied the votes. The result of the security and fire system vote was 35 yeas and 21 nays.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Spear, Secretary