

## CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church – Milton, Pennsylvania

June 7, 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: Stephen Moll, Don Fisher, Roger Watts, Ruth Greenly, Pastor Pat Pittsnogle, Barry Yeager, James Bartlett, Nancy Mensch, Nancy Walters, and Rose Deaner. Excused from this meeting: Kay Dunn, Ed Coup.

### TO FOLLOW CHRIST'S EXAMPLE AND TEACHINGS

Devotions were given by Pastor Pat – DVD ELCA World Hunger supports Mobile Meals in Spartansburg, SC.

### THROUGH WORSHIPING

\_\_\_\_\_ will lead the August devotions.

### *Worship and Music Report:*

Confirmed organ recital to be held on All Saints Sunday.

### *The Pastor's Report:*

Pastor's Report was moved by Don Fisher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nancy Walters. Motion carried.

Missionary renewal for 2012: still awaiting information on new missionaries before it is discussed.

Nomination Committee to have initial July 17.

Potluck meal for Hunger – ask that Spiritual Growth Ministry discuss this.

Transformational Ministry event, moving toward mission. Don Fisher moved that the Council recommend to the Endowment Ministry that funds be provided to pay for the Transformational Ministry event and James Bartlett to fill out the request form. Nancy Walters 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion

carried.

Council Retreat to prepare a vision for ministry at Christ Lutheran Church. Will be discussed more at the next Council meeting.

Don Fisher moved that the Council recommend to the Endowment Ministry that \$1,500.00 in funds be provided to the Brouse family as they recover from a house fire and James Bartlett to fill out the request form. Nancy Walters 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

#### WITNESSING

Northern Lights Picnic will be here in the pavilion on July 31 @ noon with a trumpet concert at 1:00 PM. Altar and pulpit need to be removed after worship.

#### LEARNING

Christian Education: Confirmation will be held on Pentecost, June 12<sup>th</sup>, with a potluck meal to follow.

Discussed the size and configuration of our Sunday school classes and how to encourage attendance. The discussion centered on what Sunday School means to people. The suggestion was made to flip the times of worship and Sunday school. The suggestion was made to add activities that draw in more kids from the congregation and the community.

VBS will be June 19-23 in the evening. Still need one volunteer, final meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

Minutes from the April 2011 council meeting were moved by Nancy Walters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger Watts. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: April Report. Moved by Nancy Walters, subject to audit. Roger Watts 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

No May report.

Endowment: Community Pool – Our desire for reciprocity won't work as asked but we could work out a few day passes for underprivileged kids. \$500 request approved and sent to council. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Fisher. Motion carried.

Matching Funds for May Event – Event netted about \$1400, asking a match to make gift a total of \$5000. Was some discussion of decreasing the amount. Consensus of committee to keep the original amount. Total amount of \$500 for each of 10 charitable benefactors (with funds raised & endowment support) approved and sent to council. 2<sup>nd</sup> Nancy Walters. Motion carried.

Staff Support dinner – Staff Support requested \$500 to help fund a thank you dinner for paid staff and spouses. Approved for up to \$500 and sent to council. 2<sup>nd</sup> James Bartlett Motioned carried.

Matching Funds for Easter Egg sale – Requested \$504 in matching funds to be sent to Relay for Life. Approved and sent to council. 2<sup>nd</sup> Nancy Walters. Motioned carried.

Arrange for payments of approved expenses from Endowment Fund. Update at next meeting.

Property: Water fountain – Nancy Walters moved that Council accept a bid from Buck's Plumbing for a water fountains at a cost of \$2,460.00 with funds to be taken from the Thrivent Building Fund. Don Fisher 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Roger Watts and Harold Webb are investigating roofing repair over the church parlor.

Still need volunteers for property issues with the security system and the general operations of the building.

Researching the cost of switching from DSL to Cable Internet. May have decent savings.

Banner closet – bracket still needed to support the banners. James will search for pricing and get a bid to have one custom made.

Water heater in Nursery – have parts, but need to be installed.

Staff Support: Met May 19, planned dinner for November 10 as a thank you for the staff.

Issue with janitor storing equipment around the generator and electrical panels has been resolved. Property to arrange for additional receptacles for charging equipment.

Finance:

Offering counters sign-up for next month.

Audit Committee trying to find a date in July to begin the audit.

Roger and Stephen are still working on hardware and software for our church accounting.

Thrivent transfers are complete and repayments for the copier have been brought up to date.

AND REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

Social Ministry: May event had a profit of \$1,400.00 for local charities. Rethinking menu for next year. Will also have to discuss the rearrangement of our equipment to avoid electrical issues (tripping breakers).

Health kits are being assembled and will be presented at the USS Synod assembly.

July Meeting: We not will be meeting in July, our next meeting will be in August.

SENDING FOR MISSION

Prayers were offered for special concerns. All participated in the Lord's Prayer and singing of the Doxology.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Agenda items for the August 2, 2011 meeting are due by Sunday, July 31.

Next meeting on August 2 will be at Rose Deaner's home at 6:00 for a picnic dinner, bring a covered dish.

Respectfully submitted,  
James Bartlett, Secretary