

## CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church – Milton, Pennsylvania  
September 6, 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, Kay Dunn, Ed Coup and Rose Deaner. Excused from this meeting:

### TO FOLLOW CHRIST'S EXAMPLE AND TEACHINGS

Devotions were given by Barry Yeager

### THROUGH WORSHIPING

James Bartlett will lead the October devotions.

### Worship and Music Report:

Organ recital to be held on All Saints Sunday, November 6 at 3:00PM.

A request to consider buying the ELW hymnals was tabled.

Funding for onelicense.net not submitted for budget. It will be privately funded if funding is not available from existing budget amount.

Now the Feast liturgy is being slowly introduced one piece at a time.

### The Pastor's Report:

Pastor's Report was moved by Roger Watts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Coup. Motion carried.

Missionary support for 2011 be used to support Rev. Brian and Christine Palmer. Moved by Nancy Mensch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nancy Walters. Motion carried.

Missionary support renewal for 2012 for Rev. Brian and Christine Palmer. Moved by Nancy

Walters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kay Dunn. Motion carried.

Nomination Committee met July 17. Letters sent to perspective nominees.

Council Retreat to prepare a vision for ministry at Christ Lutheran Church was tabled. Will setting a date at the next Council meeting.

#### WITNESSING

Hunger Calendars will be prepared for 2012. Rose Bolich will donate material and Spiritual Growth will assemble them.

Lenten Prayer Book will be prepared for 2012. The last book was prepared in 2004.

#### LEARNING

Christian Education: Bible Buddies will resume September 16.

Further new discussion on the New Sunday School program.

Sunday School kickoff September 11 with a pot-luck meal to follow.

#### SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

Minutes: No minutes prepared for August meeting.

Treasurers Report: No report for August. 2012 Budget was prepared and distributed for consideration.

Endowment: No quorum present at last meeting.

Question was asked: "Are endowment requests being paid out?" Answer: Yes, and Thrivent funds have been transferred to the general checking account.

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

Property: Water fountain installed

Roofing repair over the church parlor to be completed by Keith Erb.

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.

Banner closet – bracket still needed to support the banners.

Move to authorize James Bartlett to spend up to \$750.00 from undesignated memorials for the bracket in the banner closet. Motion by Nancy Walters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Coup. Motion carried.

Water heater in Nursery needs to be repaired.

Staff Support: Had separate meeting and recommended a 1.7% Cost of Living increase for all staff.

November 10 Staff appreciation dinner to be held at 6:30.

Finance:

Offering counters sign-up for next month.

Audit Committee has not been able to get started. Organizational meeting to discuss who will do what task and make a timeline.

There exists a need to change the constitution to allow the Audit Committee to function.

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

Rough draft of proposed budget we presented.

#### AND REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

Social Ministry: Fall event to support mission support and benevolence: Pork and Sauerkraut with sides, November 6 after the organ recital.

#### 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.

Next meeting on October 4, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,  
James Bartlett, Secretary