

CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES
Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church – Milton, Pennsylvania
September 9, 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: Stephanie Byers, Kay Dunn, Don Fisher, Ruth Greenly, Stephen Moll, Pastor Pat Pittsnogle, Donna Spear, Tim Walsh, Frank Hartzel, and Roger Watts. Excused from the meeting: Rose Bolich, Dale Kriner, Michael Lazor, and Judy Schneider.

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

The meeting began with a report from the Property Committee by Roger Watts and Frank Hartzel. Roger reported on the cost proposal from the Lock Pros for the church security system project. This was scheduled to be presented to the congregation for approval on Sunday, September 21. This proposal includes monitoring for a five-year period and will be presented as a \$30,000 project with the breakdown to the equipment and five-year monitoring. Motion to present this cost proposal was made by Pastor Pat and seconded by Kay Dunn.

For the pavilion project, three contractors submitted bids. The high bid was Keister Construction at \$78,879 and low bid was Russ Lloyd Construction \$70,949. The congregation approved the project at a cost not to exceed \$65,000, and property is recommending to the council that the project cannot be completed based on the bid.

Council discussed changing the congregational meeting to September 28 to present the security system at the cost of \$30,000 and the pavilion project at a cost not to exceed \$75,000. Kay made a motion with a second by Steph Byers to present the pavilion project to the congregation at a cost not to exceed \$75,000. All approved. Steph Byers motioned with a second by Tim Walsh to move the congregational meeting from September 21 to September 28 to vote on both projects. All approved.

Council reviewed the proposed operating budget for 2009. Don explained the various parts of the budget. Finance is recommending with reservation that council accept this barebones budget and Tim Walsh seconded the recommendation. Council accepted with reservation to accept this budget as an operating budget for 2009.

Pastor Pat suggested that although this proposed budget is a minimum operating budget in order to maintain our church, that we should present a mission budget in the amount of at least the 2008 plus \$5,000 for a total of \$157,000. Steph Byers motioned and Kay Dunn seconded. All approved.

The Finance Ministry group recommends the authorization of a no interest loan of \$3,000.00 from the Building Fund to Current Expense to alleviate a deficit in this account. This loan will be paid back to the Building Fund by March 31, 2009. Second by Steph Byers. All in favor, with an opposition by Stephen Moll.

At 9:54 Stephen moved that we table the rest of the agenda items to next month.

The meeting ended with Prayer. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 7. Agenda items for the October 7 meeting are due by Sunday, October 5.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Spear, Secretary