

**CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 5, 2008**

Members present: Pastor Mathews, Steve Bettum, Steve Bowman, Shirley Buntrock, Bill Calhoon, Bob Davies, Sam Lesko, Bill Oehler, Todd Rehder, Joyce Schwabe, Barbara Stauffer and Dick Yost.

Shirley thanked the council for their support during her six years of service.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm with devotions focusing on Pentecost and prayer read by Pastor Mathews.

The minutes of the April meeting were presented. A motion to accept the report as presented was made by Barbara Stauffer and second by Bill Calhoon. Motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT:

Bob Davies indicated that in reviewing the report as it is presented, everything is accurate (referring to the report for April showed March's monthly report fine, but March's year-to-date was 2007 figures).

The CD figure indicates the same balance for several months, it was questioned what is the actual balance. The balance will be reported when it is researched.

A motion to accept the April Financial report as presented was made by Bill Oehler and second Shirley Buntrock. Motion passed.

MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS:

WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM – BOB DAVIES

The minutes of the April 24 meeting were provided.

Edie has been having lighting problems with evening services; Larry will fix wiring to be able to relocate lamp.

Contemporary services have begun. Feedback is being received and evaluated. Need several volunteers to be able to have weekly service. The spring trial may not be representative of what will happen in the fall.

No questions from council were presented.

EDUCATION MINISTRY TEAM – DICK YOST

Minutes of the meeting that took place prior to this meeting will be made available at the June council meeting.

Dick reviewed the recent Mission District Festival.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM –

The team will be meeting next week.

WITNESS AND FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY TEAM – BARBARA STAUFFER

Meetings are upcoming. The State Park Ministry will be beginning on Memorial Day weekend. The Women's spring dinner will be May 12.

SUPPORT MINISTRY TEAM – STEVE BOWMAN

The purchase of the lots from Joseph Kelly is progressing and should be announced at the June 1 Spring Meeting of the Congregation. The sales agreements will be updated and final proposal prepared.

The property adjacent to the parish house is still being considered. The Support Ministry team recommends that an appraiser be retained to do a complete appraisal of the property. A motion to retain an appraiser (up to a cost of \$500) was made by Steve Bettum and second Steve Bowman. Motion passed. After Bill Calhoon relocates, Bill Oehler will assume responsibilities of pursuing this purchase. A motion to appoint Bill Oehler the chair of Long Range Planning was made by Shirley Buntrock and second Dick Yost. Motion passed.

The property committee is trying to plan a meeting and recruit members.

The delegates to the Synod Assembly will be Shirley Buntrock and Mike Krahling.

Appreciation was extended to all who are leaving council after fulfilling their terms and those who will be relocating and those who have relocated.

OLD BUSINESS –

Twenty seven members of the congregation attended and enjoyed the May 2 production of the NEPA Philharmonic.

NEW BUSINESS –

Members transferred out include Patricia and Steve Kiser to Ascension Evangelical Lutheran Church in Towson, MD. A motion to approve transfer was made by Barbara Stauffer and second Steve Bowman. Motion passed. Steve Bettum suggested a motion to extend appreciation to Bill Calhoon for his leadership and support on Long Range Planning and the other areas Bill has served. A motion was made by Sam Lesko and second Bill Oehler. Motion passed. All wished Bill the best as he and Diane relocate to the Lebanon, PA area.

OTHER –

None.

The Bigger Picture –

A brief discussion was held regarding the previous distribution of an edition of the Parish Paper.

Pastor circulated another edition of the Parish Paper for reading and discussion at the next Congregation Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 with the Lord's Prayer and a motion from Barbara Stauffer and second Steve Bettum. Motion approved.

The next meeting will be Monday, June 10 at 7:30 pm.

Carole Hamersly
Secretary