

**Epiphany Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting  
August 11, 2011**

**In Attendance:** Renita Hillis, Beth Bolyard, Pastor Tim Kuenzli, Craig Werner, Don Maurer, Charlie Cline, Rachel Arps, Brian Meinardi and Rick Wuerth.

**Excused:** Darby Graves, Mike Renner, Carol Low, Mike Poyer, Jerry Kisner, Lynn Chrisman and Kris Huffman.

**Call to Order:** Don Maurer called the meeting to order. Rick Wuerth read the devotional.

**Housekeeping:** Don Maurer requested that committee chairs get their 2012 budget requests together for Mike Poyer as soon as possible. Don also reported that we have received a Certificate of Continued Existence from the Ohio Secretary of State and commented on the topics of Trinity Days and The Little Lutheran Publication.

**Meeting Minutes:** Council reviewed and approved the Minutes for its June 2011 meeting.

**Financial Secretary and Treasurer Reports:** Rachel Arps reported that that our receipts of unrestricted funds for June and July were, respectively, \$650 and \$16,817 below budget. This is consistent with our typical annual trend under which receipts trail budget from July through November. On the positive side, Rachel noted that we received love offerings of \$11,500 during June. These funds will probably be applied to our mortgage sometime before the end of the year.

Brian Meinardi reported that our expenditures in July exceeded receipts by \$7100. YTD we are still in the black by about \$12,000 in terms of overall receipt of unrestricted funds versus expenditures. In terms of expenditures through July we are \$3000 over budget, but this is the product of timing on certain bills. Basically, we are running operation right on budget. At the end of July, we had \$73,000 in checking and unrestricted cash of \$92,000. We total cash of \$246,000. Expenditures in June and July were generally routine. Larger expenses included payment to Pastor

Tim for first half mileage and disbursements for the construction to the preschool sign.

**Replacements for Financial Secretary and Treasurer:** Don reported that Rachel and Brian will be resigning at the end of the year. Rachel and her husband are building a home in Dublin and will be moving. Brian will be completing his sixth year as Treasurer and has decided to take a break. Don encouraged Council members to pass on the names of any potential candidates to the nominating committee or him.

**HeArt of Epiphany Proposal:** Council members discussed the HeArt of Epiphany Proposal submitted by Anna Kuenzli under which she proposes to operate an after-school art program for 1st through 6th graders. She would charge students \$50 and be responsible for paying expenses. She would remit 10% of receipts to the church for use of our facilities. The general consensus of council members was that the operation of an after school art program was an appropriate use of Church facilities particularly considering the status of art education in the Pickerington elementary schools. Upon motion of Charlie Cline, seconded by Renita Hillis, Council unanimously approved the proposal in principle. A number of issues need to be resolved before finalizing an agreement. These include whether the program should be operated under the general supervision of the preschool. We also need to work through legal, insurance and child protective policy issues. Beth Bolyard, Renita Hillis and Rick Wuerth agreed to work with Anna on these.

**Pastor's Topics:** Pastor Tim reported that planning for the Wednesday evening program is coming along nicely. The organizing group has decided to name the program "Pause - A Break for People." The program will start on September 14. They have a cook lined up. Dinner will be served at 5:30 and programs for children and adults will be presented from 6:30 to 7:30.

Tim reported that he continues to communicate with the Synod regarding its responsiveness to congregational needs.

Tim and several other Epiphany members who call themselves the "Wonderers" have been reading Rick Barger's book "A New & Right Spirit" which deals with church life in the age of the internet and social media. Tim suggested that Council members read the book and devote a portion

of meetings to discussing its contents. Council members agreed with the suggestion, but we need to purchase or otherwise line up copies for everybody.

### **Committee Roundtable:**

**Property:** Craig Werner reported that during the past month or so Property Committee members have performed or arranged repair work on the air conditioner in the preschool and the grease trap on the sink in the kitchen. Both these projects were relatively minor. Committee members, including Bill Hillis, have also been working with Todd Alexander of Service Masters, our cleaning company, to better define the scope of its responsibility and standards of performance. Craig said they had recently had a positive meeting with Alexander and is hopeful all issues can be satisfactorily resolved.

**Treasurer:** Brian Meinardi will meet with the Audit Committee on Monday to start the Audit process.

**Preschool:** The Preschool sign is done. As reported to Council via e-mail, there were some cost overruns compared to the original estimates. Beth Bolyard continues to receive invoices, but believes that the Preschool probably will be able to fund most, if not all, of the overruns. Beth also reported that Parents' Night is scheduled for September 6. Classes start the same week. Morning classes are fully enrolled. Several afternoon classes were cancelled because of low enrollment. Students who had enrolled in those classes were assigned to other classes.

**Worship & Music:** Renita Hillis reported that the summer music program, including our new contemporary music leader, is being well received. Terry is studying in Europe. Renita hasn't heard anything from him. So, she presumes that all is well.

**Closing:** Don led Council in the Lord's Prayer, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Wuerth, Recording Secretary

