



RLC FOUNDATION
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Annual Meeting – RLC Foundation

January 26, 2020

Agenda

Opening Prayer

Call to Order-Larry Haler

Welcome and President's Report – Larry haler

January 27, 2019, Annual Meeting Minutes – Ken Meek

Treasurer's Report – Rich Olsen, Treasurer

Election of Board Members – Larry Haler

Call for New Business/Committee Reports – Larry Haler

Adjournment – Larry haler

Closing Prayer

About RLC Foundation: All members of Richland Lutheran Church are members of the Foundation. Voting members are those who have met the requirements for being voting members of Richland Lutheran Church. Names of qualified voters are on the check-in sheet. Be sure to sign in. People who have a qualifying Thrivent volunteer leadership position, or pay annual premiums of insurance products or have a contract value on qualifying products can select the Foundation as a recipient of Thrivent charitable distributions. Donations may be provided via United Way and as gifts in many forms such as wills, trusts life insurance and annuities.

Planting Seeds of Ministry: The RLC Foundation plants seeds of ministry which when nurtured by the Congregation and God willing grow into new and lasting ministries to the glory of God. A quick review of some of the seeds reveals how many lives are being touched by the work of this quiet behind the scenes partner of Richland Lutheran Church.

A. Some seed ministries that are recent or continuing include:

- **Weekend School Meal Bags** (2019) is a partnership with community schools. The community is appreciative of our participation by serving 12 children each week and are planning expansion. Since December, when the seed was planted, RLC has handed out a total of 61 weekend bags. The weekend food bags provide multiple children-friendly meals for the weekend ahead of them.
- **Reader Board Purchase** (2018) replaces an outdated more than 50-year-old reader board with a new current technology and highly visible reader board. Richland Lutheran Volunteers installed the board and provides communications to the neighborhood and those passing by. Almost immediately God used the opportunity to answer the prayer of a person going by who was praying for a Grief-Share Program in the Tri-Cities for her mother, to direct the hungry to the food bank, and to help mothers to find a Vacation Bible School. Reports continue to come to the office about thanks for the outreach to the community.

- **Grief Share** (2018) funding has allowed the RLC Health Ministry to launch grief-care programs. A workshop for those suffering from the loss of a loved one was started In January 2019. In November 2018, Loss of a Spouse and Surviving the Holidays were hosted. In November 2019, surviving the Holidays was well received. Future plans are for Loss of a Spouse and a 13-week program twice a year. Funds provided for the purchase of necessary materials needed for classes including a DVD pack, Leader’s Guides, Participant Books and other grief support materials.
 - **Movie Night in the Park** (2018) presents an opportunity for the neighborhood to gather and enjoy an evening together and hear the message of love and encouragement through Christ. The foundation is providing the capability for such events and other RLC ongoing events as well. Volunteers are being formed and power distribution equipment has been acquired. The latter has been used for a Block Party which eliminated the need for renting a generator. Sound, video and some minor items are needed to complete the plan. It is expected that the program will be broaden to other uses such as youth and worship activities.
- B. Highlights of earlier seeds that have been nurtured by congregation members and have matured include:
- **Cornerstone Startup Seed** for the long-range planning was matched in three months to \$26,000 and since has grown to over \$191,000.
 - **Mid-Week Ministry** started with G-3 (God Gives Growth) support. With the help of God the ministry has matured into Mid-Week Super Kids, Family Night, and Connect.
 - **Jefferson School Tutoring** volunteers continue to partner with the teachers and administrators to tutor young students who need help in raising their skills and confidence level so they can reach their academic potential.

Treasurer's Report

<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>Calendar Year 2019</u>	
		<u>Principal</u>	<u>Income (Interest/Dividends)</u>
01/01/2019 Balance	\$384,794.10	\$348,225.92	\$36,568.18
Interest/Dividends	19,095.96		19,098.98
Market Change	63,729.15	59,185.88	4,543.27
Donations	6,512.65	6,512.65	-
Seeds Planted	- 8,000.00		- 8,000.00
12/31/2019 Balance	\$466,134.86	\$413,924.45	\$52,210.41
Source of Donations		<u>2019</u>	
From Members' Thrivent Choice		\$ 775.00	
From Members' United Way			
From Members' RLC		5,737.65	
Total		\$6,512.65	

In process: from members via RLC \$4,205.00 to 2020 from 2019 donations.

Elections - Board Members are Larry haler (President), Ginnette Ernst (Vice President), Rich Olsen (Treasurer), Ken Meek (Secretary), Pam Hedges, Christer Jansson. Fred Kremmer, Kris Mitchell. and Loren Schmid. The terms of Fred Kremmer, Ken Meek, and Loren Schmid are completed. Alyce Budzeck and Diane Bonin are nominated for terms beginning in 2020.

Attachment: Minutes of Annual Meeting, January 27, 2019.

RLC Foundation Annual Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2019

After the opening prayer, Jana Strasberg, acting for Laura Stevens, called the meeting to order, welcomed the attendees by calling attention to the Handout for the meeting, and to the attached minutes from the previous meeting. She explained that all current Richland Lutheran Church voting members are voting members of the RLC Foundation. She pointed out the list of current members and requested that all members present sign in.

The handout included a review of some of the ministries that have been initiated in the past. The purpose of the foundation is to plant such seeds for new ministries that enhance the Lord's work. These seeds are to be nurtured and grown to maturity by the Congregation with the help of the Lord. The sign-in recorder reported that 49 of the available voting members were present and so a quorum was present.

The 2018 Minutes: The Handout included an attachment of the minutes from the 18 February 2018 annual meeting. Because the participants had no comments or corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: As Treasurer, *Pro Tempore*, Loren referred to the financial details in the written report. In his verbal summary, he pointed out that the important accounts for the Foundation to track are the Principal and Income Accounts because the Income is used to plant seeds and the Principal is allowed to increase until it reaches \$500,000. During 2018 the Principal decreased from \$365,100 to \$354,202 (later corrected to Board as \$348,226). The difference was \$6,078 from donations and a market change of -\$17976. The income decreased from \$64,280 to \$30,593 (later corrected to Board as \$36,568) mainly because of the investment of -\$53,000 in seeds planted during 2019. The total Assets, the sum of Principle and Income were \$384,794 at the end of December 2018.

The other numbers show the changes that occurred from the end of 2017 balances and the source of the donations, namely Thrivent Choice, United Way, and offerings through RLC.

There were no questions and the group M/S/P that the report was accepted for informational purposes.

Election of Board Members: Jan mentioned the current Board Members are Laura Stevens (President), Jana Strasberg (Vice President), Rich Olsen (Treasurer), Ken meek (Secretary), Ginnette Ernst, Larry Haler, Pam Hedges, Fred Kremmer, and Loren Schmid. The terms of Pam, Rich, and Laura are completed. Jana, whose term is not over until 2020, asked to be relieved of her Board responsibilities. Pam Hedges, Christer Jansson, Kris Mitchell, and Rich Olsen were nominated and elected unanimously for terms beginning in 2019.

New Business: There was no new business or additional questions so Vice President Jana declared adjournment.

Reported by Ken Meek, Secretary.