

**Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2008**

Members Present: Norene Erlandson, Sandi Edgemon, Alan Hagensen, Mot Hedges, Carl Imhoff, Dave Wunschel, Mark Underwood

Ex-Officio Members: Pastor Martens

Absent / Excused: Bob Thompson

Invited Guests: Debbie Stankovich

Topic	Findings and Discussion	Conclusions, Recommendations, Actions, and/or Motions	Follow-up
Devotion & Opening Prayer			
Approval of Feb. 12 Congregation Council minutes		MSP – Approval of minutes	
Pastor's Report	Reviewed and discussed attendance, current financial statements, and ministry areas.		
Old Business			
a) Candidate names for Synod Assembly	The Synod Assembly is Apr. 18-20.	MSP – Approval of sending Erv & LaVonne Johnson as RLC representatives to the Synod Assembly	
b) 1517 Kimball Property Update	Closing occurred Feb. 25. The Property Committee removed part of the fence, and the backyard is available for parking.	The Council will discuss the site development objectives and the Site Development Task Force at its Mar. 25 retreat.	
c) Foundation of Faith Mini-Capital Campaign	Debbie S. discussed the remaining campaign components and schedule.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All – Provide Debbie S. the pledge cards by Mon. Mar. 17.
d) Payment of Routine Obligations	There are financial commitments we pay on an on-going basis such as health insurance premiums, utilities, etc. The request is that Council approve these so the Treasurer can just pay them.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carl – Email the Council the list of routine obligations for Council to approve by email.
New Business			
a) Council gift for Schumacher's/Schumacher luncheon plans		The Council will provide a gift to the Schumacher's.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carl – Obtain a gift for the Schumacher's from the Council. Sandi – Get the card

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			for the Council members to sign. It'll be in her RLC mailbox.
b) Status of Interim Pastor / Call Process	It is the Council's responsibility to managing the call process. Pastor Martens outlined the timeline that he believes would be appropriate for naming the call committee. The Bishop said a good candidate for interim Associate Minister will be available in Sept.	There needs to be an adjustment time between Pastor Schumacher's departure and the beginning of the call process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council will discuss RLC needs and the call committee membership at its May or June meeting.
c) Planning for March 25th mini retreat -- all		<p>Items for the mini-retreat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish the objectives and charter for the Site Development Task Force. Discuss the Site Development Task Force membership. Walk-thru the RLC properties. <p>We'll meet for a working pizza meal at 5 p.m. and adjourn at 9 p.m.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debbie S. - Ask the Property Committee to provide recommendations to the Council. Provide monthly updates on their progress. All – Provide Carl questions and thoughts about site development to feed the Site Development Task Force objectives.
Adjournment		<p>Upcoming meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Mini Retreat 5:00 pm Mar. 25 at RLC. Congregation Council Meeting: 7:00 pm Apr. 15 at Pastor Marten's home. 	
Closing Prayer	Pastor Martens		

3/11/08 Congregation Council Action Items

Action	Responsible Individual	Due Date	Status
Share attendance trends information via email that we would like to understand. Discuss this at the mini retreat scheduled for 6 pm Mar. 25 at Pastor Marten's house.	All	3/11/09	Tabled for a future meeting
Debbie – Send the Council updates on the 1517 Kimball property purchase.	Debbie S.	Until closing	Done
Email the Council the list of routine obligations for Council to approve by email.	Debbie S.	3/11/09	Carl will email this to Council members for approval by email.
Ask a few members if they are willing to serve as delegates.	Pastor Martens	3/11/08	Done
Debbie – Ask the Property Committee to provide recommendations to the Council. Provide monthly updates on their progress.	Debbie S.	On-going	Debbie made the request and will ask the committee to provide an update for the 3/25 Council retreat.
Acknowledge Emil Leitz's letter and thank him for his input.	Carl	3/11/08	Done
Provide recommendations on appointments to the Deaf Ministry and Preschool Task Forces.	Pastor Martens		Tabled for a future meeting
Determine the Site Development Task Force deliverables and members at the Council mini retreat on Mar. 25.	All		Done
Pray and think about communion at all services. We will revisit it at the March Council meeting.	All		Tabled for March. Discuss at future meeting.
Get the card for the Council members to sign. It'll be in her RLC mailbox.	Sandi	3/12/08	
Obtain a gift from the Council for the Schumacher's.	Carl	3/16/08	

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All – Provide Debbie S. the Foundation of Faith pledge cards	All	3/17/08	
Provide Carl questions and thoughts about site development to feed the Site Development Task Force.	All	3/25/08	
Email the Council the list of routine obligations for Council to approve by email.	Carl	4/15/08	

Agenda Items for Future Council Meetings

April – Approve payment of routine obligations

May – Discuss the Associate Pastor call process, RLC staffing needs, and call committee membership.

TBD – Decide on Communion at all services.