

Committee: **Congregational Council**
 Date: May 24, 2005

Members Present: Gary Weible, Alan Hagensen, Len Ross, Debbie Hardman, Jeff Sperline, Julie Deen, Carl Imhoff

Ex-Officio Members: Pastor Martens

Absent / Excused: Debbie Stankovich, Karen Clark

Topic	Findings and Discussion	Conclusions, Recommendations, Actions, and/or Motions	Follow-up
Opening	Pastor Martens		
Approval of Minutes	Minutes from the 4/19/05 meeting were submitted for approval.	M,S,P - Approval of Minutes as submitted.	
Tim Bush's RLC Boiler Fund Raising Promotion	Tim Bush sent a letter to the RLC Congregational Council proposing donations to the Boiler Replacement Fund. The letter is attached. Discussion was held as to whether or not this is an appropriate method and the conclusion was that we could not stop a donation. The proposal will be announced in the Preview. The Boiler fund is currently at ~\$50,000 in donations and pledges. Approximately 20% of our households are participating.	M,S,P - A motion to thank Tim Bush for his gracious offer.	
Vee Ann's request for consideration as an AIM for RLC	Discussion was held on Vee Ann's request and it was decided to decline this request.	M,S,P - To decline Vee Ann's request to serve as an AIM at RLC.	Gary will draft a letter to notify her of our decision.
New Education Staff Position	Discussion was held on the draft job description for the new position. This position would have primary responsibility for children's education in grades up through fifth. We would propose it as a new budget item in October with the start date sometime next year.	In principle we believe a new education staff position is worth pursuing.	Pastor Martens will research and flesh this proposal out more.
2006 Ministry Plan	The CC reviewed and discussed the proposed 2006 Ministry Plan. We looked at new items and tried to identify those that would have an impact on the Budget. The staff will continue work on this plan. Discussion was also held on encouraging Christian Discipleship with new and old members.		

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New Director for Shalom Ecumenical Center (SEC)	Jerry Dagle has resigned from his position and discussion was held on a replacement and the current direction the Center is taking. There seems to be a need to get back to the Spiritual Mission of the Center. Our next representative would ideally be able to steer the Center in this direction	It was decided to think about who would be a good fit for this position and bring ideas to our next meeting.	
Mark Black Award	Pastor gave his and Corey's recommendation for this year's recipient of this award - Matt Hardman.	M,S,P - To award Matt Hardman the Mark Black Award for 2005. Abstaining - Debbie Hardman.	
Bible Study Fellowship	This Men's Fellowship has asked our Church to host their Bible Study. There would be approximately 150-200 Men in attendance. They would like to meet on Monday nights and would need the Sanctuary and classrooms. Issues that were discussed and need to be resolved are insurance coverage, reimbursement (if any), and the conflict with the Handbell Choir on Monday nights.	M,S,P - To approve in principle the BSF Course be located at RLC pending staff discussions and approval. This would initially be for one year.	
Shilo Inn Confirmation Needed for 60th Anniversary Dinner on May 7, 2006.	This Shilo Inn has given us a good deal on the cost of the dinner. However, depending on the attendance it could cost between \$8,000 - \$10,000. We would like to setup a fund to defray the cost so that all members can attend.	We will initially put \$2,000 in the Budget for next year to start this fund in the hopes that it will be self sufficient through contributions.	
Closing	Pastor Martens.	Next meeting is June 28, 2005.	