

**Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2009**

Members Present: Valerie Bettinson, Sandi Edgemon, Mot Hedges, Carl Imhoff, Lori Lieske, Bob Thompson, Mark Underwood, Dave Wunschel

Ex-Officio Members: Pastor Martens

Absent / Excused: Debbie Hardman

Topic	Findings, Discussion, Conclusions, and Motions	Follow-up Actions
Opening Prayer – Pastor Martens		
Approval of 1/13/09/ Minutes	MSP – Approve minutes.	
Pastor’s Report – Pastor Martens	<p>The Synod Assembly is May 1-3. At its next meeting, Council will approve RLC representatives to attend.</p> <p>Pastor Martens provided recommendations to improve Council governance. He reminded the Council of its role to make policy and maintain the policy it sets.</p> <p>The RLC staff will hold three joint ministry committees meetings annually to keep the Ministry Committee members energized and improve communications between committees. 2008-09 meetings will be April 28, 2009; September 22, 2009; and January 5, 2010.</p>	
Associate Pastor’s Call Committee	<p>The Council discussed call committee member attributes and identified potential members to serve.</p> <p>Committee Member Attributes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience with Outreach. • Represent the diverse perspectives of the congregation. • Connection with the congregation. • Familiarity with RLC staff and responsibilities. <p>Chair Attributes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to lead. • Ability to move at a measure, patient pace. <p>Pastor Martens asked the Council to consider establishing the Associate Pastor’s call as a termed call, i.e., one year with annual term renewals. Council will discuss this at its March meeting.</p>	All – Pray about those identified. Individually identify the top 10 you would select. Come prepared to discuss your top picks.
Council Retreat	The Council discussed options for a planning retreat.	Carl, Mot, and Val – Determine Council members’ availability the end of April and May.
Adjournment	Next Congregation Council Meeting is Mar. 10 in the Prince of Peace.	

Action Items

Action	Responsible Individual	Due Date	Status
Meet with the two individuals Council identified for chairing the Site Development Task Force and recommend to the Council one for chairman.	Carl & Mark	7/22/08	
Draft an integrated description of roles, responsibilities, and desired outcomes of the Site Development Task Force, Adjacent Properties Task Force, and Building Finance Committee.	Bob	9/9/08	
Meet with Russ Warren to learn more about Outdoor Ministries and the Men's Ministries books he wants to use.	Pastor Martens	10/10/08	
Develop a list of resources for members who might need credit or personal counseling or other assistance due to the current economic climate.	Debbie S.	10/24/08	
Collect Council members' availabilities for a half day retreat on 1/18, 1/25, 2/14, and 2/28 or a full day retreat on 2/14 or 2/25.	Sandi	1/16/09	Done
Contact RLC staff for their input on call committee members to make sure there will be representation of all ministry areas.	Carl	2/10/09	Done
Communicate to Helga and the Area Mission Strategy Team (AMST) Chair that Council will have additional discussions and prayerfully consider ministry opportunities in West Richland.	Carl	2/10/09	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a plan to obtain information from members about what is working well and not working well. Develop a questionnaire to provide input to the Council for the 2009 planning session. Discuss with Pastor and Debbie S. selecting a random subpopulation of members to talk with concerning their not attending regularly. 	Mark and Sandi	2/10/09	Done
Ask Kelly to provide Sunday School attendance data from the past few years.	Pastor Martens	2/10/09	
Determine Council members' availability for a weekend retreat the end of April or May.	Carl, Mot, and Val	3/10/09	
Pray about potential Associate Pastor call committee members identified. Identify the top 10 you would select. Discuss your top picks at the next Council meeting.	All	3/10/09	
Restart the Membership Committee.	Pastor Martens	TBD	
Conduct a portfolio review of RLC's stocks and present information on percentage of stock holdings from other churches of RLC's size.	Debbie H.	TBD	

Agenda Items for Future Council Meetings

Mar. - Identify potential call committee members to contact about their willingness to serve.

Mar. – Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of establishing the Associate Pastor’s position as a termed call.

Mar. – Approve RLC representatives for the Synod Assembly in May.

TBD – Debbie H. to present a portfolio review of RLC’s stocks and information on percentage of stock holdings from other churches of RLC’s size.

TBD – Annual review of bylaws & continuing resolutions.

TBD - Provide recommendations on appointments to the Deaf Ministry and Preschool Task Forces.