

## **RICHLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES**

**August 13, 2019**

**Members Present:** Dave Larkin, Diane Bonin, Janet Budzeck, Jenifer Haler, Jim Honeyman, Darrell Miles and Jeff Pilger

**Members Absent:** Pastor Steve Ernst, Kiame Lesser, Val Silva and Pastor Corey Smith (on sabbatical)

**Visitors:** Larry Haler, Tom Pitkin and Laurel Palmblad

**Opening:** The regular monthly meeting of the Richland Lutheran Church Congregation Council was held on Tuesday, August 13, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. and opened by the president, Dave Larkin. Devotions and prayer were provided by Jim Honeyman.

### **REPORTS:**

1. **Communications/Visitor Comments:**

- a. Preschool Wing Asbestos Floor – Laurel Palmblad provided information and estimates on fixing this problem with vinyl plank. Another option she presented was using tongue and groove flooring, but she did not have estimates for this option. After discussing the options, council consensus was that installing tongue and groove flooring over the existing tiles is the best choice and that Richland Lutheran staff would make the final decision on which contractor to use. Council will review the financial statements to assess how this project will be paid for. Laurel will obtain estimates for the tongue and groove choice and present them to church staff.
- b. Demolish of 1513-1515 Kimball house – Larry provided copies of the working schedule for this project and stated they are on budget and on schedule. Demolition is to begin at the beginning of September. He reported the current tenant has given notice she will be out by August 15<sup>th</sup>. Even though letters have been sent to the surrounding neighbors, Jenifer suggested it might be a good idea for the project team to go door-to-door to the closest neighbors and make sure they are aware of what is going on. Larry remarked the suggestion will be discussed at the next team meeting.

2. **Staff Reports:**

**Lead Pastor's Report** – Since Pastor Steve was on vacation, council decided it would be best to defer discussion on pastor's report, his Second Triannual Report and the 2020 Ministry Plan and Funding Proposal until the September meeting.

**Financial Report:** Jeff commented on areas where entities used a higher percentage of funds than budgeted and explained the reasons this occurred. Otherwise, the church's financial situation is looking good, especially since we are 57% into the year.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2019, regular council meeting. With no discussion, the motion was approved.

**Old Business:**

1. Evaluation of financial investing options – Dave stated that he, Jenifer and Janet met with five financial investment firms to obtain information on which firm would be the best option for RLC. After reviewing the synopsis Dave provided, a motion was made and seconded to have a “managed fund”. After discussing the motion, it was approved. A motion was made and seconded to invest the church's funds with Charles Schwab. After discussing the motion, it failed. A motion was then made and seconded approving Michelle Clary with Thrivent as the financial advisory firm for our church. Discussion then followed and the motion was approved.
2. Shepherd's meeting – Jenifer asked for a volunteer to open their home and serve a dessert to council members at this meeting on Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. With no volunteer stepping up, Jenifer asked members to meet at 7:00 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m. at Howard Amon Park behind Sterling's and that she would provide some form of dessert.

**New Business:**

1. Amazon Smile charitable donation – Dave provided information on how this donation can be given whenever someone purchases merchandise on Amazon. A motion was then made and seconded approving use of this process. After discussing the motion, it was approved.
2. 2020 Draft Ministry Plan and 2020 Draft Operating Budget discussion was deferred to the regular council meeting in September.

**Executive Session:**

An executive session was called to order at 9:20 p.m. to discuss staff issues and closed at 9:33 p.m.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

1. Council Action List: PREVIEW article for August, council devotions for September and PREVIEW article for September.

2. MALT meetings – Stewardship on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m., Spiritual Growth on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m., Worship on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and Christian Service on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
3. Team Night – Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
4. Shepherd's meeting: Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
5. Executive Committee meeting on Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. and the regular council meeting on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**CLOSING:**

Dave adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m. Council members and visitors joined hands to close with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Council Secretary Janet R. Budzeck