

**Congregation Council Meeting Minutes  
March 10, 2009**

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

**Ex-Officio Members:** Pastor Martens

**Guests:** Debbie Stankovich, John Cagle, Pastor Helga Jansons

**Absent / Excused:** Bob Thompson

Topic	Findings, Discussion, Conclusions, and Motions	Follow-up Actions
<b>Opening Prayer – Pastor Martens</b>		
<b>Approval of 2/11/09 Minutes</b>	MSP – Approve minutes.	
<b>Adjacent Properties Committee Update</b>	John Cagle presented an update on the committee's activities and recommendations for property use.  The attached presentation contains the details.	
<b>Update on West Richland Mission Survey – Pastor Helga Jansons</b>	Pastor Jansons shared the final summary of her West Richland mission survey results.  The Synod has a July 1 deadline for proposals to receive the ASTM Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church Tri-Cities Areas Mission Endowment funds which total \$185K.  The Council decided to hold an April 19 meeting with the West Richland RLC members to inform them of the mission results and funding opportunity and brainstorm/discuss options.	Responsible Person TBD – Plan and facilitate the meeting which will begin with lunch.
<b>Synod Assembly Representatives</b>	MSP – Approve Matt & Kristen Kuempel, Mot & Pam Hedges, Carl and Kristen Imhoff, and Val Bettinson to represent RLC at the Synod Assembly.	
<b>Pastor's Report – Pastor Martens</b>	Pastor Martens presented his regular report. He distributed the 1999 – 2007 Sunday school enrollment statistics.  Pastor asked that the Council accept the RLC staff recommendation to change the name of the ministry committees to ministry teams. Council will do this as part of the April Common Consent Agenda.	
<b>Appointment to the Shalom Ecumenical Center Board</b>	MSP – Approve Carl Gustafson to replace Ray Isaacson on the Shalom Ecumenical Center Board.	Sandi – Notify Carl Gustafson that the Council approved his board membership.
<b>Associate Pastor's Call Committee</b>		All – Identify the top 8 individuals for the Associate Pastor Call Committee.  Sandi – Tally results and distribute to the group.

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<b>Council Retreat Options</b>	The Council agreed to save 4/24 and 4/25 for a local Council retreat.	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Next Congregation Council Meeting is April 14 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	Removed
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	Removed
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	Removed
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	Removed
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	Done
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a plan to obtain information from members about what is working well and not working well.</li> <li>Develop a questionnaire to provide input to the Council for the 2009 planning session.</li> <li>Discuss with Pastor and Debbie S. selecting a random subpopulation of members to talk with concerning their not attending regularly.</li> </ul>	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	Done
Determine Council members' availability for a weekend retreat the end of April or May.	Carl, Mot, and Val	3/10/09	Done

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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	Done
Plan and facilitate the West Richland RLC member lunch meeting.	TBD	4/19/09	
Notify Carl Gustafson that the Council approved his board membership.	Sandi	3/18/09	
Identify the top 8 individuals for the Associate Pastor Call Committee.	All	4/14/09	
Tally Call Committee results and distribute to the group.	Sandi	4/14/09	
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.

April – For the common consent agenda – Approve renaming the RLC ministry committees as ministry teams.

April – Discuss ways to obtain feedback from the congregation.

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.