

Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2009

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

Ex-Officio Members: Pastor Martens

Guests: Debbie Stankovich, Debbie Hardman

Absent / Excused: Dave Wunschel

Topic	Findings, Discussion, Conclusions, and Motions	Follow-up Actions
Opening Prayer – Pastor Martens		
Minutes from 5/12/09 meeting	Valerie will re-send minutes for approval.	
Pastor’s Report – Pastor Martens	Pastor Martens presented his regular report.	
Treasurer’s Report	Debbie Hardman reported that receipts are continuing to go down and are creating a larger gap between expenses and receipts. Carl reported that some budget adjustments will not be as high as planned. We need to notify the congregation and emphasize the need to increase giving.	Update the congregation through a Temple Talk and other methods. Carl will draft and give message Sunday, June 21 st .
Congregational Meeting	The congregational meeting will be postponed until July 12 th . The main agenda items will be to elect the nominating committee and council secretary.	Needs to be added to the church calendar. A secretary needs to be found and the meeting must be announced in writing two Sundays prior.
ELCA Human Sexuality Strategy	The council response has been in the bulletin. In-depth discussion was postponed until we have more time to discuss.	Plan additional time in a future meeting.
AMST Proposal Status	Pastor Martens suggested that we consider proposing a “Good Shepherd” preschool. This goes along with RLC’s long range plan and would be a long lasting legacy of Good Shepherd.	Pastor Martens is going to discuss with the bishop.
Finalize Congregational Survey	We reviewed the survey that Debbie Stankovich put into an web-based survey tool. Debbie mentioned another web-based tool that might work better. Also we are going to ask the staff for input on what questions would be helpful. Loren Schmid has survey experience also so he will be asked for input.	Bob Thompson will test the other web-based survey tool. Staff will be asked for input at the staff meeting. Loren will be asked for input.
Audit committee membership	We discussed potential members to fill the vacancy.	Mot will contact potential candidates.
Adjournment	Next Congregation Council Meeting is July 14 in the Fellowship Room.	

Action Items

Action	Responsible Individual	Due Date	Status
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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	
Discuss adding a secretary to the executive council.	All	6/9/09	
Create draft congregational survey.	All	5/26/09	
Talk to remaining candidates about associate pastor call committee	Valerie	6/9/09	Done
Update congregation on financial situation	Carl	6/9/09	Done
Communicate key messages and council view points on Resolution 11	Pastor Martens	6/9/09	Done
Plan congregational meeting for Sunday, July 12th	All	6/9/09	

Agenda Items for Future Council Meetings

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.

July – executive council secretary, congregational survey, proposal to AMST, July congregational meeting, Resolution 11 plan.