

**RICHLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 2011**

Members Present: Ben Barr, Rob Barr, Dave Brandes, Mot Hedges, Kathy Killand, Dave Larkin, Sandy Steele, and Mark Underwood.

Members Absent/excused: None

Ex-officio Member Present: Pastor Martens

Guests: Rich Olsen

The Regular monthly meeting of the Richland Lutheran Church Congregation Council was held on Tuesday, February 8, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., President Mot Hedges being in the chair and the secretary being present. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Martens.

The minutes of the meetings held on December 14, 2010, and January 11, 2011, were approved, as amended.

Pastor Martens presented the Lead Pastor's Report. Average church service attendance through February 6th was 370 as compared to 392 in 2010. Highlighted new upcoming activities include receipt of new members on February 13, Men's Retreat on March 5, plans to participate in Sharefest on March 26, a Ugandan Orphan's Choir concert on April 10, and Heavenly harp concert on August 5.

A complete financial report was not available for handout from newly appointed Church Treasurer Rich Olsen but summary rounded figures for January showed total income of \$61,986 and expenditures of \$64,769 for a net "loss" of \$2,782.

It was reported that a contract with Property Management Company to manage the adjacent church owned properties is under final negotiations.

It was reported that Debbie Stankovich is completing the final cleanup of the proposed revised Church Constitution. Mot Hedges to schedule informational meetings for the congregation followed by a special Congregational meeting to vote on the revisions.

Mot Hedges reported that discussions are being held with a proposed final member for the Financial Audit Committee.

Council was reminded that the Gedde Lectures will take place on February 25-26, 2011, and the LCMC Northwest District Meeting will be held on April 28-30, 2011. No new information was provided and no actions taken.

The need to allocate the Benevolence Giving for 2011 was discussed, with some members indicating their preference for early identification of some recipients so that quarterly

disbursements can be made. Council would also like to make contacts with local individual Benevolences available to provide information to the congregation. No actions were taken but additional discussions were requested at the March Council meeting.

The costs of Pastor Marten's Renovare class were discussed along with possible options for funding the total cost of over \$10,000. No actions were taken.

Pastor Martens closed the meeting in prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Dave Larkin, Secretary

FOLLOW-UP ACTION	RESPONSIBLE	DUE DATE
Review and approval of Finance Officer position description. Mot to schedule.	Council	
Scheduling of Congregational meetings to present and then to approve the amendments to the RLC Constitution.	Mot Hedges	
Identification and approval of an additional Financial Audit Committee member.	Mot Hedges/Council	
Draft minutes of Feb 8 th meeting to Council for review.	Dave Larkin	02/11/11
Council to decide on 2011 Benevolence allocations. Mot to schedule for discussion in March.	Mot Hedges/Council	03/08/11
Council to approve property management contract.	Stankovich/Hedges	03/08/11
Discussion/action regarding the costs for Pastor Marten's Renovare Class.	Hedges/Council	03/08/11
Provide information on use of \$1,250 proposed budget for Ignite Youth Monitoring.	Mot Hedges	
Provide Council with summary data/conclusions from past congregational survey.	Mot Hedges	
Schedule and prepare annual review of Lead Pastor.	Mot Hedges/Council	