

RICHLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES

July 9, 2019

Members Present: Dave Larkin, Diane Bonin, Janet Budzeck, Pastor Steve Ernst, Jenifer Haler, Jim Honeyman, Kiane Lesser, Darrell Miles and Valerie Silva

Members Absent: Jeff Pilger and Pastor Corey Smith (on sabbatical)

Visitors: Gary Fisher and Tom Pitkin

Opening: The regular monthly meeting of the Richland Lutheran Church Congregation Council was held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. and opened by the president, Dave Larkin. Devotions and prayer were provided by Darrell Miles.

REPORTS:

1. **Communications/Visitor Comments:**

There were no comments from the visitors.

2. **Staff Reports:**

Lead Pastor's Report – Pastor Steve asked if council members had any questions and then he commented on the following:

- Informed council that those congregation members working with the pre-school children are requesting \$1600.00 be taken from general memorials to revamp the pre-school area. He stated this request is a "B" list item on the approved memorial list expenditures adopted by council in February.
- Informed the council that one of the catering team members deliberately overbought and disregarded the plan for Vacation Bible School's first night dinner. Pastor brought this expenditure to the executive council, who decided this issue should be brought to the attention of the regular council.

Youth & Family Ministry Report:

- Val asked for prayers for those leaving this coming Saturday for Lodge Grass and invited council members to attend the commission for the team this Friday at 7:00 p.m. Council paused to pray for the Lodge Grass team, as well as for Daniel Miles, who is leaving tomorrow for Slovakia.

Biblical Stewardship Report:

- In response to the Finance committee's questions concerning the church's investments, Dave stated he is trying to schedule times to meet with two additional financial representatives. The results of those meetings will aid in the decision as to where the money received from the previous sale of stocks will go.

Financial Report: Dave passed out copies of the financial report in Jeff's absence and Pastor Steve responded to questions from council members. In response to council

request that future benevolence gifts include a brief description of their purpose, Val stated she has completed this task for the International Ministries that received benevolence gifts in the 2nd quarter, which were approved at the May council meeting, and she would forward the information on to council members via e-mail.

ACTION ITEMS:

Consent Agenda: Minutes from the June 11, 2019 regular council meeting were proposed for approval. A motion was made and seconded. Val remarked that under the New Business section Eastern European Mission Network needed to be changed to East European Missions Network. The motion was approved with the added correction.

Old Business:

1. Review/approval of Facilities Maintenance Policy – Jim commented on the draft and responded to council questions. A motion was made and seconded and after discussing the motion it was approved.
2. Review/approval of Facilities Use Policy – A motion was made and seconded and after discussing the motion it was approved.
3. Council Shepherd's meetings – Jenifer encouraged council to establish periodic times to meet aside from regular council meetings where they can join together in prayer, dialog and fellowship. After discussing the suggestion, it was decided Jenifer will set up a schedule with dates and times to meet and present it for discussion and/or approval at the regular August council meeting.

New Business:

1. Room 60 access – A motion was made and seconded to permit congregation members access to the sprinkler system in Room 60, but restrict access to the ladder. After discussing the motion, it was approved.
2. Authorize Bill Bishop to make purchases for Men's Ministry – A motion was made and seconded authorizing the request. After discussing the issue, the motion was withdrawn. A motion was then made and seconded authorizing staff to delegate individuals permitted to make purchases for events in accordance with the Financial Policy for Richland Lutheran Church. After discussing the motion, it was approved.
3. Memorial Fund Distribution – A motion was made and seconded authorizing \$1600.00 be taken from undesignated memorial funds and used to revamp the pre-school area as requested in Pastor Steve's report. After discussing the request, the motion was approved.
4. Boy Scout fundraiser – A motion permitting the Boy Scouts to hold a fundraiser this fall was made and seconded. After discussing the motion, it was approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Council Action List: PREVIEW article for July, council devotions for August and PREVIEW article for August.
2. MALT meetings – Stewardship on Tuesday, July 23rd at 5:00 p.m., Spiritual Growth on Wednesday, July 24th at 4:30 p.m., Worship on Monday, July 22nd at 7:00 p.m. and Christian Service on Monday, July 22nd at 6:00 p.m.
3. Team Night – Thursday, July 18th at 6:30 p.m.
4. Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday, August 5th at 5:00 p.m. and the regular council meeting on Tuesday, August 13th at 7:00 p.m.

CLOSING:

Dave adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Council members and visitors joined hands to close with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Council Secretary Janet R. Budzeck

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