

## RICHLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES

October 8, 2019

**Members Present:** Dave Larkin, Diane Bonin, Janet Budzeck, Pastor Steve Ernst, Jenifer Haler, Jim Honeyman, Kiane Lesser, Jeff Pilger, Valerie Silva and Pastor Corey Smith

**Members Absent:** Darrell Miles

**Opening:** The regular monthly meeting of the Richland Lutheran Church Congregation Council was held on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. and opened by the president, Dave Larkin. Devotions and prayer were provided by Jenifer Haler.

### **REPORTS:**

1. **Staff Reports:**

**President's Report** – Dave commented on the following issues:

- a. \$750.00 change in proposed 2020 budget
- b. search for nursery attendant for some Sunday services
- c. transfer of investments from Wells Fargo to Thrivent – Piton completed

**Lead Pastor's Report** – Pastor Steve asked for questions on his report. He stated the inspection by Labor & Industries of the tunnel pipes had taken place and asbestos was found. Further action on asbestos removal will be turned over to the MALT Team.

**Associate Pastor's Report** – Pastor Corey asked for questions and stated he has begun his Doctor of Ministry program.

**Financial Report:** Jeff commented on the report and stated the church's financial situation looks close to last month's report.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made, seconded and passed approving the following without discussion:

1. Approve the minutes from the regular September 10, 2019, council meeting
2. Approve the minutes from the special council meeting held on September 24, 2019

### **Old Business:**

1. Identified candidates to serve on the Nominating Committee.
2. A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendation statement to the congregation for removal of the "H" house on Kimball and the "B" House on Stevens. After discussing the draft statement, the motion was approved with suggested changes. Dave will draft a letter of recommendation for the congregation with regard to the retreat center funds.

**New Business:**

1. A motion was made and seconded approving the following for membership at Richland Lutheran Church: George and Anna Mae Squires, Beth Banzhof, Barbara Maier, Terri Clark, Alan and Barbara Casebere and Dennis and Kristi Heffrom. With no discussion, the motion was approved.
2. Pastor Corey provided a copy of his Sabbatical Report and commented on areas that were especially meaningful to him and his family.
3. Dave commented on the letter from the Institute of Lutheran Theology where Pastor Cory is doing his Doctor of Ministry program. He asked those present if they concurred with what the letter says and wanted to sign it. A motion was made and seconded approving what was stated in the letter. After discussing the motion, it was approved. Pastor Corey stated he would use the hours allotted in his Continuing Education as a portion of the time needed to complete the requirements of the program.
4. Pastor Steve provided information concerning the request from Irene Lusztig to do a study on Richland Lutheran Church (RLC) for a new movie project she has underway regarding the City of Richland's history and its impact on the community today. After lengthy discussion, council members consensus was to deny the request as it does not meet with the vision and mission of RLC. Pastor Steve will inform Ms. Lusztig of the council's decision.

**CLOSING:**

Dave adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Council members joined hands to close with the Lord's Prayer.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

1. Council Action List: PREVIEW article for October, council devotions and PREVIEW article for November.
2. Team Night – Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
3. Executive Committee meeting on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. and the regular council meeting on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Council Secretary Janet R. Budzeck