

RICHLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES

October 9, 2018

Members Present: Janet Budzeck, Pastor Steve Ernst, Jenifer Haler, Dave Larkin, Todd Maier, Darrell Miles, Jeff Pilger, Tom Pitkin, Andy Ribbing, Pastor Corey Smith and Ted Stuenkel

Visitors: Don Grewe

Opening: The regular monthly meeting of the Richland Lutheran Church Congregation Council was held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. and opened by the president, Dave Larkin. Devotions and prayer were provided by Jenifer Haler.

REPORTS:

1. **Communications/Visitor Comments:** As representative for the Richland Lutheran Church Food Pantry Program, Don Grewe provided information on the 'Scrip' program he used at his former church with great success. In this program, gift cards of various dollar amounts are sold with a percentage of the sale going into the food bank coffers. These gift cards can then be used at local stores, restaurants, etc. Don asked the council to consider approving this program for use at RLC. If approved, he volunteered to be the co-ordinator, but he would need additional assistance from church members.

2. **Presidents Report:** Dave described in his report areas that need to be completed before the end of this year. He also commented on possibly installing security cameras in the church parking lot after receiving information that a tenant's car had been vandalized. After discussing the issue, council members deferred further action to the Property Maintenance Team. Dave also urged council members to consider church members who might be interested in filling vacant committee positions and be prepared to provide those names at the November council meeting.

3. **Staff Reports:**
Lead Pastor's Report – Pastor Steve commented he and the staff attended the seminar 'Who Broke My Church', which focused on renewal and revival in our congregation.

Associate Pastor's Report – Pastor Corey stated a thank you reception was held during Hebrew's Café for Keith Lozano in recognition of his years as organist for RLC. Pastor attended the Church Doctor conference in Lacey, Washington, where he learned about reaching the unchurched and relational discipleship.

4. **Financial Report:** Copies of the financial report were provided and Pastor Steve explained the breakdown of expenses, which has led to RLC's budget shortfall.

ACTION ITEMS:

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously approving the minutes of the September 11, 2018 regular council meeting.

Old Business:

Annual Meeting: names of proposed candidates for next year's Nominating Committee were shared. The individuals chosen for consideration will be contacted and their response given to Dave for further action.

New Business:

1. A motion was made, seconded and passed approving Seth Rosser, Cynthia Hickey, Skylar Collins and Alex Collins as new members of Richland Lutheran Church.
2. A motion was made, seconded and passed approving the recommendation to hire Vernon Packard as an On-Call Maintenance Worker.
3. A motion was made, seconded and passed to establish a Retreat Center Task Force, which would recommend use of the remaining funds.
4. A motion was made, seconded and passed approving the 'Scrip' program presented by Don Grewe for the RLC Food Pantry Program and permitting a one-time exception to the policy requirement that fundraisers cannot take place on Sundays.

Adjournment: Dave adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m. and council members joined hands to close with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Council Secretary Janet R. Budzeck