

**RICHLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 12, 2011**

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

Members Absent/excused: Dave Brandes, Kathy Killand

Ex-officio Member Present:

Guests: Darrell Puls, Steve Ernst, Debbie Stankovich

The Regular monthly meeting of the Richland Lutheran Church Congregation Council was held on Tuesday, July 12, 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 Steve Ernst.

Pastor Ernst presented the Lead Pastor's Report. Average church attendance through June was 387 compared to 361 in 2010. Pastor Dave Hogan began in the position of interim visitation pastor beginning June 28, 2011. A Women's Retreat has been scheduled for August 13, 2011 and an RLC Block party for September 10, 2011. The 1518 Stevens house has been rented and two applicants have expressed interest in the 1517 Kimball applicants.

Debbie Stankovich distributed a proposed Ministry budget for calendar year 2012. This portion of the overall budget is up about 8% over this year. Rich Olsen was not available but left a Treasurer's Report for June. Income through June 11, 2011, was \$370,474 as compared to \$349,650 through the comparable period in 2010. Expenditures to-date total \$400,331, very near the budgeted \$400,074. The net cashflow for the year to-date is a negative \$23,255.

Dr. Darrell Puls summarized the status of his interviews of the staff and team building plans.

The minutes of the meeting held on June 14, 2011, were approved.

The common consent agenda was presented and approved:

- **Moved to approve the request to raise funds from Richland Lutheran Church for the playground at the baby home in Mafraq, Jordan, with any excess funds being made available for general use in the baby home at the discretion of the Penleys.**
- **Moved to make available to a new worshipping group in La Grande, Oregon fifteen hymnals no longer needed by Richland Lutheran Church.**

Mark Underwood closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm.

Dave Larkin,
Secretary

Designations for 2011 Benevolences

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
LCMC – 10% (\$7600)			
• National:	\$ 6800	\$ 6600	
• District, including for District meeting:	\$ 800	\$ 700	
Worldwide Ministry – 25% (\$19,000)			
• Lutheran World Relief:	\$ 8000	\$ 8000	\$11500
• Tumaini Lutheran Seminary, Tanzania:	\$ 9000	\$ 8000	\$11600
• Annoor Sanatorium, Mafrag, Jordan: (For Children’s Wing, disbursed through Shephard’s Purse)	\$ 2000	\$ 2250	
National/Regional Ministry – 25% (\$19,000)			
• Currently Undesignated:	\$ 15000	\$ 13000	
• Luther Haven Camp:	\$ 1100	\$ 1000	
• LCMC Gift Fund:		\$ 3500	
• PLU:	\$ 300	\$ 400	\$500
• Trinity Lutheran College (LBI):	\$ 300	\$ 350	\$834
• Concordia University, Portland	\$ 300		
• Institute of Lutheran Theology	\$ 2000		
Local Ministry – 25% (\$19,000)			
• Lutheran Community Services:	\$ 2500	\$ 5000	\$8000
• Tri-Cities Chaplaincy:	\$ 5000	\$ 5000	\$10000
• Union Gospel Mission:	\$ 5000	\$ 3000	\$3000
• Habitat For Humanity:	\$ 2000	\$ 2000	\$3400
• Emmaus Counseling Center:	\$ 1500	\$ 1000	
• Grace Clinic:	\$ 1500	\$ 1000	
• World Relief:	\$ 1100	\$ 1000	
• Domestic Violence/SARC		\$ 250	\$3650
• ShareFest	\$ 400		
Emerging Ministry Opportunities – 15% (\$11,400)			
• Mafrag Christian Hospital, Jordan (Ultrasound):		\$ 9750	
• Seminary Scholarship Fund:	\$ 1400	\$ 1200	\$1000
• Eastern European Mission Network	\$ 3000		
• Other (as need arises)	\$ 7000		
	\$76000	\$73000	