

**RICHLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 1, 2013**

Members Present: Ben Barr, Rob Barr, Dave Brandes, Scott Hardman, Mot Hedges, Kathy Killand, Dave Larkin, and Sandy Steele

Members Absent:

Advisory Members Absent: Pastor Ernst

Guests: Pastor Corey Smith, Debbie Stankovich

The Regular monthly meeting of the Richland Lutheran Church Congregation Council was held on Tuesday, October 1, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., President Mot Hedges being in the chair and the secretary being present. The meeting was opened with a devotional and prayer by Mot Hedges.

Lead Pastor's Report - Pastor Ernst presented the Lead Pastor's Report:

1. Attendance - The average weekly attendance at worship services through September, 2013 was 335 compared to 345 for the same period during 2012
2. Pastoral acts included performing the baptism of Josephine Rose Teal and Jennifer Gerber.

Financial Officer's Report – The financial report showed that income through September 2013, was \$533,871 as compared to \$570,574 through the comparable period in 2012 and was below the expected budget assumption of income of \$558,400. Expenditures to-date totaled \$573,741, which is below the budgeted \$596,122. The net cash-flow for the year to-date is a negative \$39,869. The budget for 2013 is based on an assumed income of \$800,000.

Common Consent: Council approved the following common consent agenda items:

- **Approval of the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of September 10, 2013.**

Old Business

Annual Congregation Meeting

- **Council approved the proposed agenda for the Annual Congregation Meeting.**
- **Council approved the proposed 2014 Ministry Plan.**

By consensus the Council agreed to have a revised Pie Chart of the 2014 Operating Budget prepared by Rich Olsen and added to the 2014 Ministry Plan.

New Business

New Members

- **Council approved receiving Carol Parks and Shirley Carlisle as confirmed members of Richland Lutheran Church.**

Facilities Modifications

- **Council approved establishing a capital fund account for funding the development and implementation a facilities strategic plan and to approve up to \$25,000 for an architect to prepare this plan during 2014. [This is to be added to the Annual Congregation Meeting agenda.]**

2014 Budget

- **Council approved the proposed 2014 operating budget.**

The meeting was closed with praying the Lord's Prayer and adjourned at 9:19 pm.

Dave Larkin,
Secretary