

RICHLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES  
October 12, 2021

**Members Present:** Sandy Steele, Bill Peterson, Jan Leitz, Jeanne Dillner, Fred Kremmer, Pastor Steve Ernst, Janet Jansson, Valerie Silva, Kristen Imhoff and Diane Bonin.

**Opening:** The regular monthly meeting of the Richland Lutheran Church Congregation Council was held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. and opened by the president, Sandy Steele. Devotion and prayer provided by Bill.

**Staff Reports:**

- 1. President's Report-Sandy Steele:** Sandy reported:
  - a. Council approved fund raising of selling of quilts for GNMM on Oct. 10.
  - b. Reminded council that October is Pastor appreciation month.
  - c. Janet is leaving us, going to Boulder CO.
  
- 2. Lead Pastor Report-Pastor Steve:** Pastor Steve reported:
  - a. Expressed appreciation toward Bill and the Council. Pastor will celebrate his 30 years of ministry in August 2022.
  - b. COVID-19 Mitigation concerns
  - c. GNMM-board voted unanimously to dissolve and merge with RLC. This will commence about January 1, 2022.
  - d. Vaccination letter-all positive comments. Visual copy is on website.
  
- 3. Financial Report-Bill Peterson:** Bill reported:
  - a. Income statement budget vs. actual, indicate tithes and offerings increased in Sept and we are still tracking with the budget, very well. The only hiccup was Piton account went down about \$14,000 at the end of September. Net income loss, of \$7,800. Each of ministry areas is doing well, we are where we should be.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion made by Val and seconded by Kristen to accept the consent agenda items without discussion. The motion passed.

- 1. Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2021**
- 2. Approve creation of Bell Choir ministry within Worship MALT's Ensembles sub-ministry**

**Old Business:**

1. **Discuss COVID testing/other methods for RLC staff to help mitigate the spread.** Discussion concerning testing, attestations, temperature taking, and limiting exposure to vulnerable population of children for which there is not yet a vaccination.

Kristen made a motion that all staff and volunteers (regardless of vaccination status) who work directly with those who are ineligible for the COVID vaccine, will take a rapid at-home COVID test (provided by RLC) the day before they are scheduled to work with these individuals (e.g., test on Saturday if scheduled for Sunday). If they test positive or symptoms exist, they should decline from serving. Bill seconded the motion and it passed.

### **New Business:**

1. **Approve creation of GNMM (Technology) Ministry under Biblical Stewardship MALT effective January 1, 2022.** Moved by Bill, seconded by Jeanne, and passed.
2. **Approve following sub-ministries under GNMM (Technology) Ministry:** Moved by Bill, and seconded by Kristen, approved.
  - a. **Fundraising Team to include the following members: Betty Quinn, Nancy Ballard, Rick Snyder, Karen Filipi, Julie Gearheard**
  - b. **Engineering and Infrastructure to include the following members: Mike Bettinson, Scott Carswell**
  - c. **Worship Operations to include the following subteams: Production Team, Soundboard Operators, Projection Technicians (Note: Soundboard Operators and Projection Technicians to be transferred from Worship MALT)**
3. **Approve GNMM Statement of Purpose for a Technology Mission (attached).** Bill moved, Jeanne seconded, motion passed.
4. **Approve a designated equity account for receipt of GNMM funds.** Motion made by Bill, seconded by Jan, and motion carried.

Reminder—Congregation meeting on Oct. 31

The meeting closed with prayer at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted by Council Secretary Diane K. Hahm Bonin

1. Devotions – Kristen Imhoff November 9
2. Preview Article due to Kelly – Bill Peterson Oct. 15; Kristen Imhoff Nov. 15
3. Pastor Appreciation Month – October
4. Annual Congregational Meeting – October 31 @ 12:30 p.m.
5. October MALT Meetings: Worship 10/28 @ 11:30a; Spiritual Growth 10/28 @ 9:00a; Christian Services 10/26 @ 5:30p; Biblical Stewardship 10/25 @ 1:30p

