

RICHLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES  
September 14, 2021

**Members Present:** Kristen Imhoff, Jan Leitz, Jeanne Dillner, Fred Kremmer, Pastor Steve Ernst, and Diane Bonin.

**Absent:** Sandy Steele, Bill Peterson, Val Silva, and Janet Jansson.

**Opening:** The regular monthly meeting of the Richland Lutheran Church Congregation Council was held on Tuesday, September 14, at 7:00 p.m. and opened by vice president, Kristen. Devotion and prayer provided by Diane.

**Staff Reports:**

1. **President's Report-Sandy Steele/Kristen Imhoff.** Kristen reported:
  - Reminder that October is pastor appreciation month.
  - The nomination committee have selected the nominees for the coming year.
2. **Lead Pastor Report-Pastor Steve:** Pastor Steve reported:
  - Jenny, Amanda, and Pastor met with parents of elementary-age children for input into implementation of programs due to the pandemic. Since there is no vaccine for children under 12 years of age, indoor programming is not currently possible for the children's safety. This group is feeling very marginalized. However, it was determined that Sunday School and children's church will occur but outside with propane heaters. SuperKids will not meet now. A survey to the congregation stated that members will return to programs after full vaccination occurs.
  - Moon Security is installing eleven cameras outside for security of our property. This is being funded by donated and estate gifts available.
  - Good News Ministry Board meets tomorrow. The Board will vote to dissolve and transfer over to RLC. If this occurs, the whole team will move over to the Biblical Stewardship Ministry.
  - The historical wall project is progressing and expected to be up by our Anniversary celebration.
  - COVID-some staff members are not vaccinated. All staff is using masks and distancing, but is more needed? The Council is tabling this topic for further discussion next month. Please pray for solutions to make it safe for all.
3. **Financial Report-Bill Pederson/Jeanne Dillner.** Jeanne reported:
  - Revenue is appropriate for this time of year; expenses are lower than income. RLC is in good standing, praise God.

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

1. **Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes – August 10, 2021**
2. **Approve 2022-2023 Nominating Committee Nominees for Congregational approval: Fred Kremmer, Susie Keller, Pamela Warren**
3. **Approve Agenda for Annual Congregational Meeting (attached)**

**Old Business:**

1. **Approve 2022 Ministry Budget recommendation for Congregational Approval (attached).** Jeanne motioned for approval and seconded by Fred. Motion passed.

### **New Business:**

1. **Approve 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Benevolences for National/Regional (\$17,971.80) as follows: Lutherhaven \$2,500.00; Jews for Jesus \$1,650.00; LCMC Seminary Debt Relief \$2,500.00; LCMC Lutheran Disaster Assistance Fund \$4,200.00; Institute of Lutheran Theology \$2,500.00; The Masters Institute \$1,650.00; Lutheran Military Veterans & Families Ministries \$2,050.00; LAMP – Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots, Inc. \$921.80.** Jan made a motion to approve, Jeanne seconded, and motion passed.
2. **Preview Article from Council – “Protecting Our Church.”** The Council discussed the article and consented to some changes in wording.
3. **Approve total of \$4,000 in scholarships to be awarded and distributed evenly among up to four eligible applicants.** Motion made by Fred and seconded by Jeanne to approve this recommendation made by the Scholarship Committee. Motion approved.

The meeting closed with the Lords Prayer at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted by Council Secretary Diane K. Hahm Bonin

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Devotions – Bill Peterson October 12
2. Preview Article due to Kelly – Diane Bonin Sept. 15; Bill Peterson Oct. 12
3. Pastor Appreciation Month – October
4. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – October 9 Family “Campfire” Sing-A-Long; October 10 Festival Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.
5. Annual Congregational Meeting – October 31 @ 12:30 p.m.
6. September MALT Meetings: Worship 9/23 @ 11:30a; Spiritual Growth 9/23 @ 9:00a; Christian Services 9/28 @ 5:30p; Biblical Stewardship 9/27 @ 1:30p