

RICHLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES

September 10, 2019

Members Present: Dave Larkin, Diane Bonin, Janet Budzeck, Jenifer Haler, Jim Honeyman, Kiane Lesser via video streaming, Darrell Miles, Jeff Pilger and Val Silva

Members Absent: Pastor Steve Ernst and Pastor Corey Smith (on retreat)

Opening: The regular monthly meeting of the Richland Lutheran Church Congregation Council was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. and opened by the president, Dave Larkin. Devotions and prayer were provided by Jeff Pilger.

REPORTS:

1. **Staff Reports:**

President's Report – Dave commented on the following issues:

- a. need to schedule an additional council meeting due to lack of information; those present approved meeting again on Tuesday, September 24th at 7:00 p.m.
- b. request staff to refrain from scheduling retreats when council meetings are scheduled
- c. request staff reports be submitted to council members by the first Wednesday of each month and make every effort to incorporate the reports into one e-mail
- d. have Pastor Corey submit a sabbatical report to council members
- e. transfer of stock investments from Wells Fargo to Thrivent-Piton Wealth currently occurring; suggested using Vanguard as a reference

Lead Pastor's Report – Pastor Steve was on retreat so council members reviewed his report.

Associate Pastor's Report – Pastor Corey's report consisted of information concerning his request for financial support as he pursues his Doctor of Ministry Program through the Institute of Lutheran Theology. Discussion was deferred to an Executive Session.

L&I Consultation Report – Jim provided a handout with a summary of the Labor and Industries visit, which included their response to questions raised by the Property Ministry Team and the church council and future action to correct potential problems.

Financial Report: Jeff commented on the report and stated the church's financial situation looks good.

ACTION ITEMS:

Consent Agenda: A motion was made, seconded and passed approving the following without discussion:

1. Approve the minutes from the regular August 13, 2019, council meeting
2. Approve the 3rd quarter benevolence recommendations totaling \$20,586.80 for the 2019 National/Regional entities as follows:
The Walk with Christ - \$3,000.00, Journey with Christ - \$2,000.00, Lutherhaven - \$2,000.00, Jews for Jesus - \$1,000.00, LCMC – Seminary Debt Relief - \$3,000.00, LCMC – Lutheran Disaster Assistance Fund - \$3,000.00, Institute of Lutheran Theology - \$3,000.00, The Masters Institute - \$1,000.00, Lutheran Military Veterans & Families Ministries - \$1,500.00 and Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots, Inc. - \$1,086.80
3. Approve the Small Group Ministry Team with initial members Susie McKinney, Sandy Steele, Shirley Fast, Jenny Page and Pastor Steve

Old Business:

1. 2020 Ministry Plan – Council members shared their concerns with regard to content of the Draft 2020 Ministry Plan. Additional discussion will take place at the council meeting on September 24th.

New Business:

1. Identify three candidates to be on the Nominating Committee – Dave shared names provided by the Nominating Committee for consideration. A final list of five individuals will be contacted by council members to find out if they are willing to serve. Final approval for three committee members will take place at the Congregational Meeting in October.
2. Approve a proposal submitted by Pastor Steve to transfer \$22,967.81 currently in the Unrestricted Estate Gifts Account to the Facilities Life Extension Fund. A motion was made and seconded approving this request. After brief discussion, the proposal passed.
3. Annual Meeting agenda – Dave reviewed a draft of the proposed agenda. A motion was made and seconded to approve the draft. With no discussion, the motion was approved.

Executive Session:

An executive session was called to order at 9:00 p.m. to discuss staff issues and the 2020 Operating Budget. The session closed at 9:33 p.m.

CLOSING:

Dave adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m. Council members joined hands to close with the Lord's Prayer.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Council Action List: PREVIEW article for September, council devotions and PREVIEW article for October.
2. MALT meetings – Stewardship on Monday, September 23rd at 5:00 p.m., Spiritual Growth on Wednesday, September 25th at 4:30 p.m., Worship Thursday, September 26th at 9:30 a.m. and Christian Service on Tuesday, September 17th at 5:00 p.m.
3. Team Night – Thursday, September 19th at 6:30 p.m.
4. Shepherd's meeting: Sunday, September 22nd at 12:30 p.m.
5. Executive Committee meeting on Monday, September 30th at 5:00 p.m. and the regular council meeting on Tuesday, October 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Council Secretary Janet R. Budzeck