

ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2011

1. Call to Order

The Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Scott Cordes, President. Council members present were David Werner, Greg Johnson, Bryn Knatterud, President-Elect Kathy Pedersen, Marlaine Maahs, Dave Lorenz, and VP Gayle Gedstad, along with Pastors Craig Hanson and David Hanson. Also in attendance were Susan Christopherson, Bill Metzger, Jim Schoessler, and Kyle Svennungsen (seminary student).

2. Opening Prayer and Devotion

Pastors Craig and David led devotion and prayer with the continuing discussion of Dave Lyons book titled "The Next Christians." Discussed were challenges encountered while witnessing for Christ, and how faith extends to other parts of one's life. Older generations may attend church because they always have, and younger generations may consider it as more of an option than an obligation.

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

4. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Kathy moved to accept the council meeting minutes from November 17th, and it was seconded by Dave Lorenz and approved by all. The Executive Committee meeting minutes were also approved.

5. Financial Update

Scott and David Hanson led the discussion. The annual stewardship campaign for Roseville Lutheran has been moved from the fall of the year (2011) to January/February 2012. It is generally understood that parishioners like to give to a church where there is a compelling vision, and we strive for that at RLC. Pledging for 2012 will be accomplished via the typical pledge cards or this year's new on-line church website pledging system.

6. Adult Education Ministry Team Report

Susan Christopherson, chair, was present to discuss her group's activities. A course entitled After Alpha will commence in February. Future offerings for classes will include home groups and on-line classes along with 10:10 worship hour educational opportunities. The Power of a Whisper home groups will also begin in February. The council wishes to thank Susan for attending the council meeting, as this is a valuable way for the council to gain insight into the workings of ministry teams and committees. The council intends to invite a ministry team or committee to attend each council meeting.

7. Constitution Review

Jim Schloessler was present to discuss the RLC Constitution. We learned that the Constitution is somewhat flexible and realistic in approaching issues. The constitution created the ministry teams, and the bylaws are basically day to day instructions. The council has the authority to create task forces, committees, and work groups. Thanks to Jim for his insight on these issues.

8. Updates on Ministry Teams and Committees

The Endowment Committee reported that the love lights fund raising activity in December brought in more than \$5200.

9. Facilities Exploratory Committee (FEC) Update

Dave Lorenz reported that meetings are continuing with different subgroups of Roseville Lutheran in an attempt to gauge congregational interest in expanding or remodeling church facilities, which may trigger a fundraising campaign. It is anticipated that a report to the Council from the FEC will be forthcoming in February or March.

10. Open Pastoral Position

The open pastoral position was briefly discussed and will be explored in greater detail at the January Executive Committee and Council meetings. There are several methods that can be used to "call" another pastor to RLC, and the pros and cons of each method will continue to be discussed.

11. Leadership Transitions (Engaging Staff & Council Liaisons)

Bill Metzger discussed engaging staff and council liaisons in a cooperative effort that may prove beneficial in choosing leaders from year-to-year for the various ministry teams and committees. The intent is that current ministry team chairperson and team members, along with their respective council and staff liaisons, should be able to identify future team leaders. These recommendations could then be forwarded to the nominating committee for consideration. This would be a more efficient process than what currently exists. This is part of the Leadership Tool Kit that Bill is developing, and his efforts are much appreciated.

12. Pastor Craig led the closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gayle Gedstad,
Vice President