

Minutes of RLC Council Meeting

October 24, 2013

Present

Bryn Knatterud, Interim Pastor Steve Molin, Lee Diedrick, Lon Erickson, , John Davis, Janine Hughes, Jane Anfang.
Kris Olsen

The meeting of the Roseville Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President Bryn Knatterud.

Devotions

Pastor Steve opened with prayer.

Agenda

Bryn asked for additions/changes to agenda. Approved with minor changes.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous council meeting were approved with minor changes.

Conservation on Sexuality

The congregation has been informed that we would have a conversation on sexuality starting in 2014. Steve Molin discussed that there are at least four positions on sexuality for gay members to be married. He distributed a range of responses on the subject and asked the council to share their views on the subject. These range from: not welcoming and not affirming, to welcoming but not affirming, welcoming but uncertain, and welcoming and affirming. Lon Erickson felt that there is no need to have a conversation on the subject of homosexuals being married in the church. Lee Deidrick felt that we need to have a position on the church for calling an associate pastor. Bryn added that we should have a discussion about the subject with the members. The main question is the congregation ready for even having the discussion? Other members of the council added that we really need to take a position but should we put the question to a vote?

Steve stated the ELCA started having conservations about homosexuality many years ago. Over ten years ago the congregation had a study group that the church should not take a position concerning the subject. One possibility is that the ceremony could not be conducted in the church but rather outside the building as a compromise. We are looking at losing a some people no matter what the half the congregation could leave. The issue is not that where are doing the ceremony but rather we saying that this is sinful or not sinful behavior. Roseville is a welcoming congregation and how do we take a position on the subject? Steve told the council that he has to represent the views of the congregation. You will have more of the extremes about the opinions of the congregation about the subject. We could set up focus groups to discuss the subject. Should we use the format in adult education? Should the issue be put to a vote for the congregation? Steve said that we should have three separate meetings about the subject concerning the views of the conversation. His handout would be a helpful for starting the conversation from the four ranges of responses from not welcoming and not affirming, welcoming but not affirming, welcoming but uncertain, or welcoming and affirming.

FDC

Should we go ahead with the building project and is this the proper timing for asking the congregation since we are in a transition? Should the project be split into several phases and if the plan as outlined would we be appropriate to start the building project at this time? With the uncertainty of the future with Roseville Lutheran it will be difficult to raise the money. If the council accepts the plan, does the congregation feel that we are obligated to use the same firm? When a senior pastor comes, would the plan change in several years? Fund raising will be a problem with ballpark information about what is realistic about the cost. Should we go ahead of trying to set up a fund raising committee for the addition? Should we tear down the 1950's building and have a more modest plan for the building.? Motion was made the we go back to FDC it take care of the immediate major issues that are needed right now.

There is a new member classes and confirmation has already started with meetings started about visitation pastors to serve the needs of members that are that hospitalized. The process has started to planning for a call committee but we are not ready for the committee to be formed yet.

Dave Holfeld is a member and on the nominating committee and has offered to step into the vice presidency for the council but his wife is on staff for the church. He would have some conflicts with his wife as an employee. We will check the constitution if he can serve on council with a family member as an employee.

Budget:

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Please see the report for September 2013. We paid severance to David Hanson last year and took the budget hit for the that year and will have the council pay back restricted funds that were borrowed to make the budget for last year.

We looked at the grants and the council approved and accepted the grants as outlined.

Stewardship committee would like some time at the December council meeting.

Home groups are currently in meeting.

Pete Sherry will be a meeting on surviving the holidays.

The current president cannot serve on the nominating committee. Judy volunteered to serve on the nominating committee.

Call committee is meeting on the 29th to get started.

Web site for has been updated for volunteer opportunities.

Bryn took the time to thank Steve for all of his efforts for the church

The council gave a report on their committee assignments.

Other short discussion happened about agenda items for upcoming meeting.

The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Bryn adjourned the meeting.

Respectively submitted,

John B. Davis