

RLC Council Meeting 9/18/14

Present: Kris Olson, Dave Hofeldt, Sara Mohn, Lon Erickson, Jane Anfang, Kevan Moulton, Jim Stark Absent: Heidi George, Janine Hughes
Pastors + Staff: Steve Molin, Kris Kurzejeski, Dave Booms

Call to order: Kris called meeting to Order

Prayer & Devotional: Pastor Steve

Approval of Agenda: Moved, seconded and approved

Approval of June Second Minutes, moved, seconded and approved

Approval of August 21 Minutes: Minutes approved as amended

Opening thoughts by Kris:

- Guiding Principles and Goals, Kris outlined our goals for the year. See attached.
- Spoke on the power of a common purpose. Encouraged council to keep our eyes on our common purpose as a council. Each council member is here for a reason.
- Transparency to congregation: Share how we are working. Build trust.
- We will work for efficient meetings

Ministry Teams:

- Council liaisons appointed:

Ministry	
Adult Ed	Lon Erickson
Children's Education	Jane Anfang
Christian Life	Kevan Moulton
Endowment	Janine Hughes
Finance	Kris Olsen Dave Hofeldt
Mission & Outreach	Jim Stark
Nominating	Sara Mohn
Stewardship	Jane Anfang
Youth & Family	Heidi George

- Discussion of Worship and Prayer committee: Dave H. gave some history from previous nominating committee experience: Committee has not been staffed in several years; nominating committee has not put forth a chair. This year's Nominating committee would like direction.

Dropping the committee would take a constitutional change. Discussion will continue in October.

- In October, we will talk more about what it means to be a council liaison to a committee. In the meantime, contact the committee chair to find out when next meeting is happening.

Special Congregational Meeting:

- Set for October 12th, notice has gone out and will continue to go out
- Purchase Agreement has been taken care of with a few small follow ups. Kathy will follow up with that. Document is standard.
- Kathy had reported via email that we should be sure we have a paper trail for all legal transaction from the past.
- Present to congregation history of the property: discussion of the details. Jim will research the details.

Task force Update: Lon Erickson

- Has met three times with good discussion. No recommendations as of yet.
- Meeting again next week. Hoping to wrap up by late October and have recommendations to council

Stewardship Update: Steve

- Pastor Steve outlined New Consecration Stewardship program:
 - Congregations have had great success in increasing giving
 - Costs estimated at \$4800, we have \$4000 in budget and an offer of adonation to offset some additional costs.
- Typical giving drops during interim, we went up last year
- Launching in October: "Text to Give" mobile phone giving app

Staff Updates: Kris & Steve

- Staff had great retreat.
- Kris is working with care team-- leadership turnover, merging visitation and care team, giving three sessions of adult education.
- New middle school leader- Abby Matter, Masters Youth Ministry student
- Piano- discussion on the process of the purchase ensued.

Financial Update: Dave H. and Kris

- Laurel will walk new council members through financials come in October at 6
- Explanation of nursery school deficit- timing of tuition
- Gave possible explanation of abnormally high August 2013 giving
- Right now we are \$3,000 ahead of ministry plan for the year
 - Some unplanned credits, may be come deferred expenses,

- But drop in giving for August.
- Question on whether reports move to graphs rather than table
- Recommendation from Chancel Committee (Flowers on the altar) - people keep giving and we don't spend that much. Have accrued ~\$15,000 in that account over multiple years. Can we clear that once a year and move that money to general fund. Going forward can we communicate that when we ask for donations, i.e? Easter and Christmas. We will think about what this motion could look like and how to communicate.
 - Comes back to question about use of dedicated funds for requests that can't practically be honored. Jane and Dave will look further into this.
- Bank rep came and spoke with committee about where our short term operating funds are invested. These are extremely conservative but liquid. Right now, there is no good alternative to get a better return on our investments without incurring substantial risk.

Next Meeting: October 23rd with a financial orientation at 6:00 for new council members