Date: March 21, 2019

### 1) Call to Order

John Shardlow called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

### 2) Devotional / Shared Prayer

John Shardlow opened the meeting in prayer.

# 3) Establish a Quorum

- a) Members present: Mary Peterson, Dave Werner, Stacy Nealy, Mike Tostengard, John Shardlow, Mike Dolan, Jessica Henry
- b) Members absent: Beth Jacobson
- c) Others present: Pastor Lauren Wrightsman, Pastor Sara Spohr, Dave Booms, Laurel Hofeldt, Georgia Akins

# 4) Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Dave Werner and seconded by Mike Tostengard; it was approved unanimously.

## 5) Approval of February minutes

A motion to approve the February minutes was made by Mary Peterson and seconded by Mike Dolan; it was approved unanimously.

6) Outside Auditor's report by Georgia Akins of Akins, Henke and Company
The auditor summarized the findings from the external audit for the Council.
A motion to accept and approve the audit reports that were submitted was made
by Mike Tostengard and seconded by Tom Lund; it was approved unanimously.

### 7) Monthly Reports

a) Finance

Laurel Hofeldt shared that staff and ministry teams are collaborating with the President Elect of Council to determine the preliminary budget for next fiscal year. She will share that plan with the full Council on April 11. In the interim, Laurel is planning an optional budget-101 session for Council members; this will help them learn the foundations of the budgeting process and prepare them to share the budget with the congregation: plan on Sunday, March 31 at 10:00 am. The Council weighed the concept of adopting another deficit budget; they agreed it is the best option, as long as it remains manageable, allows for special asks, and allows for the continuation of chipping away at the gap. The Council recognized that any budget that is adopted by the congregation must be flexible and will be revisited frequently. Laurel's written report begins on page 4.

- b) Staff
  - (1) Pastors
    - (a) Senior Pastor Pastor Lauren Wrightsman

Pastor Lauren reviewed the list of important upcoming dates; please reference her written report on page 5 for that list and mark your calendars. Plans for Praise RLC are in the works: the youth are heavily involved and they are very excited about incorporating a multi-generational theme.

- (b) Associate Pastor Pastor Sara Spohr

  Pastor Sara's written report can be found on page 7.
- (2) Church Administrator David Booms

The full written report from Dave and his team begins on page 9.

- 8) Continued Conversation regarding Council's role in Praise RLC Campaign
- 9) Committee Reports
  - i) Mission & OutreachTom Lund's written report begins on page 13.
  - ii) Stewardship

This committee is directing their focus to Praise RLC planning efforts, as well as arranging a legacy planning session on 4/7/19. Stacy Nealy encouraged Council members to share upcoming videos and communications on their personal social media platforms.

## iii) Children

Mary Peterson shared that this committee is working on their preliminary budget for the next fiscal year. They are also planning to distribute a Cornerstone survey to benchmark progress on meeting needs.

## iv) Youth & Family

Mike Tostengard reported that things are running smoothly and reminded Council members that the garage sale is coming - save your stuff to donate to the sale!

#### v) Adult Education

Dave Werner indicated this committee has planned educational programming up through May of 2020. His full report is on page 13.

# vi) Christian Life

Beth Jacobson's written report is on page 14.

#### vii) Nominating

Jessica Henry shared that the Nominating Committee is making progress toward finding candidates to fill positions that will be elected in June. Spots filled: Council Vice President, Youth & Family Committee Chair, one Council member, one Nominating Committee member, three Mission & Outreach Committee members. Spots yet to fill: two Council members, two Nominating Committee members, one Mission & Outreach Committee member. The list of candidates will be shared at the April 11 Council meeting.

#### 10) Items for Discussion

Mike Tostengard asked if RLC has insurance coverage for sewer backup. Dave Booms took checking into this as an action item.

#### 11) New Business

The Campus Improvements Task Force recommends that there be a Design Committee representative included in the Task Force; Council members agreed this was a good idea.

Dave Booms discussed asking for a grant from Endowment to support branding the church van. He will look into additional options so that the cost can be minimized.

## 12) Upcoming dates

The next Council meeting will be held on April 11, 2019.

The next Council, Committee, and Chairs meeting will be held on May 16, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

### 13) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

# 14) Closing Prayer

Pastor Lauren Wrightsman led the Council in the Lord's Prayer.