

Resurrection Lutheran Church

Church Council Meeting, Tuesday March 21, 2017

Attendees: Don Thurmond(2018) President, Laura Lentner (2019) Secretary, Lee Ruesch (2017) Treasurer, Sarah Andricopoulos (2018), Pat Webb (2018), Senior Pastor Al Jensen, Rick Wall (2019)

Absent: Executive Pastor Randy Winsand , Judy Stanard (2017), Dyann Roller (2017), Warren Burda (2019)

Agenda:

1. Call to order at 7:00 p.m. by Don Thurmond, roll call, opening remarks, audience comments
2. Opening prayer -Pastor Al
3. Community Building-Council members shared what is going on their lives
4. Devotion Discussion "Ask, Thank, Tell," Chapter 6. Charles Lane talks about the annual response program (AKA the stewardship drive) He recommends 3 weeks of telling the congregation the story of how their money is used and what a difference tithing brings. It is important to continue to thank the congregation.
5. Senior Pastor's Report, Council Members
Building on Our Blessings campaign ends March 31, not sure what the congregational response will be. Pastor Al will be sending an email to all homes, asking people to consider to continue to give for the mortgage what they have been giving to the capital campaign in the hope we can pay down the mortgage as fast as possible. Don reported there will probably be \$40,000 left over from the Plaza fund; Finance Committee suggested we wait to decide what to do to see what the congregational response is to the end of the capital campaign.

There was some discussion about the nominating process. The Nominating Committee is considering having more candidates than openings to make it more of a choice for voters, but there is some concern that the people who don't get elected will be offended (which has happened in the past). The importance of making sure all nominees realize that they are all valued members and the losing candidates will be considered "alternates" in case a current Council member is unable to fulfill their term was reiterated.
6. Executive Pastor's Report-was read and discussed. Rick thinks we need to make sure the congregation knows all areas of benevolence. Don reported that Pastor Al tells all new members the benevolences that RLC support, telling new members the story of the groups we help support.
7. Treasurer's report-RLC is in good shape financially
8. Staff Reports:

Music: Tanya Elias-Graf; Easter Cantata upcoming, many worship opportunities during Holy Week including an Easter Vigil drama.

Children's Ministries: Averaging 20 students/Sunday, Confirmation has 18 student, VBS is coming up, they need helpers, Family Fellowship events are happening every month

CDC: Pastors Al and Randy met with the Pre-K & K classes for Ash Wednesday. The Board is looking at additional play equipment, registration is in full swing for the fall, the Parent Appreciation days (morning coffee with Pastor Randy) are very popular.

9. Approval of February 21, 2017 Council minutes: Rick moved to approve Council minutes, Treasurer's report, Senior Pastor report, Executive Pastor report, Staff reports, Pat seconded. Motion approved.

10. Standing Committee Reports:

Pastor Randy: Social Ministries: The UofA Global Dental Brigade had 2100 bags of dental supplies donated plus cash; Food drive is coming up, World Hunger Lenten Drive is ongoing. Upcoming events include a World Vision 6K Walk-A-Thon, Primavera, Lutheran World Relief School Kits, YOTO, and results of "Benevolence" survey will be shared with congregation.

WELCA Board mtg: minutes of 2-9-17 read. Spring Fellowship event is April 1, 2017.

Sarah: Fellowship. Sarah has not been able to attend meetings because she's at work, has talked to Carolyn Nichol about emailing Sarah a copy of her minutes so she knows what is going on.

Lee: Endowment. \$2000 was received from the Wenske fund. It will be reinvested along with a \$90,000 CD that is up for renewal. There is \$1400 available for distribution at this time.

Warren: Wellness There were 2 congregational discussions of mind, body & spirit.

Rick: CDC needs a more ergonomic play area for toddlers to cut down on accidents.

Dyann: HR no report

Rick: Art by Heart: the banco wall around water fountain is deteriorating, Art by Heart would like to enhance w/art but not able to due to condition of wall. Don said we have quote from a painter to recondition and paint the bancos.

Pat: Saddlebrooke. At peak attendance for the year, had an open house for Tim Nybrotten and family with 60 Saddlebrooke members attending, patio parties are scheduled as a way for people to get to know each other, Easter Sunday Saddlebrooke members will be bused to RLC main campus, Soul Sisters meets 3-23-17.

Don: Finance

Property Committee: Mike has sprayed the weeds, irrigation leaks have been fixed, Don picked up final plans for the storage sheds from the town of OV and we will get a \$900 tax credit for being a nonprofit tax exempt entity.

Plaza: lighting is completed, Glenn Paulson is finishing odds and ends on sound, project is coming in very close to the original budget.

11. Old Business: Key Objective discuss in detail; Physical Plant

All facilities are in support of our worship objectives.

2017 repaired 1/2 of the gym roof, the rest of the roof is on the list to be done.

Outreach Center flat roof needs to be reroofed, which will cost \$21,000. Once that is done the inside of the gym needs painting, \$6600. These need to be done in 2017. (Outreach exterior painting \$17,000, exterior of Admin. Building \$10,000, Worship Center \$11,000, all to be done in 2018).

Property Comm: Don had a list of objectives for equipment replacement . He presented a comprehensive inventory done by Jack Evert of current equipment and facilities with their serial numbers when appropriate, worth and replacement cost for anything of more than \$1000 in value. Currently they don't see need for additional building, but we do have a need for more parking. A temporary overflow lot is constructed south of lower parking lot, asking Council and staff to use for Easter.

The Committee will have articles in the Vision to keep congregation apprised of what is going on.

12. Other old or new business discussion or concerns

CDC bad debt policy: auditors wanted a policy statement about bad debt, which was done. Bad debts will be written off as they occur, not waiting as has been done in the past. Sarah moved to approve policy. Lee seconded, motion passed.

13. Positive Reflections on RLC Mission and Ministry

Council members shared positive moments this past month at RLC.

14. Closing Prayer: Pastor Al

15. Adjourn Meeting. Lee moved to adjourn meeting, Rick seconded, motion passed.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday April 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Other Key Objectives:

Outreach / Benevolence

Lay Leadership

Physical Plant

Revised 3-24-17