

Resurrection Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Agenda, Tuesday April 18, 2017

Present: Don Thurmond (2018) President, Laura Lentner (2019) Secretary, Lee Ruesch (2017) Treasurer, Dyann Roller (2017), Sarah Andricopoulos(2018), Warren Burda (2019), Rick Wall (2019), Senior Pastor Al Jensen, Executive Pastor Randy Winsand

Absent: Judy Stanard(2017) VP, Pat Webb (2018)

Agenda:

1. The Meeting was Called to Order at 7:00 p.m. by President Don Thurmond, roll call
2. Opening Prayer given by Pastor Al
3. Community Building: Each Council member shared something special that has happened to them this past month.
4. Devotion Discussion "Ask, Thank, Tell" Chapter 7
The author speaks of making a bigger pie for giving and Randy said it is an affirmation of what RLC is already doing. The Social Ministry is working on a long range plan to be more efficient and effective in our giving and volunteering. Social Ministry has categorized all our outreach opportunities into 4 areas and then do quarterly outreach in each category.
5. Senior Pastor's Report
Pastor Tim Nybrotten's installation will be July 23, 2017, the Bishop will be in attendance.
Staff is switching offices to fit in Pastor Tim.
6. Executive Pastor's Report
Pastor Randy reported that they have learned that Thrivent has available two \$250 gifts/year for each member to be given to an outreach opportunity through the church. There is a maximum of \$250/event. RLC will be contacting Thrivent members to make them aware of this program.
7. Treasurer's Report
Lee reports that cash flow remained about the same as the previous month. The envelope offering is ahead of budget, loose plate offerings a bit behind. We are 5.2% behind last year in operating income, and our goal was to be ahead 4%, so we have some ground to make up. We are starting to accumulate savings in solar credits as the daylight hours lengthen.
8. Staff Reports:
CDC: continues to do well financially, have increased enrollment, working on a play area for the smaller children (the current play equipment is too large for the Waddlers), ACTSO information will be available next month.

Art By Heart: no report.

Children & Family Ministries: VBS is coming in June, Church Picnic at Hohokom Park 4-23-17, Confirmation will be May 3, 2017

Music Ministry: The Cantata was well received, there was a lot of special music during Holy Week, Summer Singers will begin in June.

9. Approval of March 21, 2017 Council Minutes. Warren moved we approve, Senior Pastor's report, Executive Pastor's report, Treasurer's Report and the Minutes of the March 21, 2017 Council meeting, Dyann seconded, motion carried.

10. Standing Committee Reports: Randy reported that all standing committees are up to date on their charters, something that happens every 5 years.

Pastor Randy: Social Ministries: Anna B. Lawrence is in need of an industrial size refrigerator, they now have 39 volunteers, 500-600 people are being fed at each weekly distribution. The Dental Brigade was a big success. Food bags will be distributed soon. The World Vision 6K walk scheduled for May 6, has 40 people signed upon at this time, 2 other churches will be joining us in the walk; Sunday, May 7, will be a sponsorship day following the walk. YOTO had 800 lbs. of food stolen last week, Randy said we have \$800 in our YOTO fund we could donate, hasn't heard back from YOTO if they want the money.

Sarah: Fellowship; March minutes are not out yet, Sarah shared February minutes, no meeting until Sept. discussion about taking June-August off. Easter bags will be filled by 2 Bible study groups and delivered April 22 to the Anna B. Lawrence Elementary School.

Lee: Endowment: Only \$1400 available, another CD due in May and will be reinvested, interest rate is running 2%. No dispersion of funds will be done until the last quarter of the year.

Warren: Wellness. The Committee will meet 4-20-17 to plan what they are doing the rest of the year. They are considering a session by ICS that would discuss end of life issues. They would like Council input about the viability of that idea; generally thought it was a good idea. The Committee will be doing monthly articles in the Vision.

Rick: CDC-doing well financially, enrollment for fall is starting.

Art By Heart-no report

Dyann: HR nothing to report

Pat: Saddlebrooke no report (absent)

Don: Finance. mtg 4-17-17 report from auditors about condition of churches finances, determined that the RLC financial statements are "free of any material misstatements." They had a few recommendations, some minor bookkeeping changes recommended, people who use church credit cards do not always turn in receipts. Recommended that we have an accountant audit our accounts on a monthly basis (Linda is a bookkeeper not an accountant). Finance will discuss feasibility of that idea. Finance committee will review report and determine what changes need to be made.

Property Committee: All engraved bricks are in the Plaza, a few dead and nearly dead trees need to be removed, will happen soon. Construction on storage buildings has started, the hope is that they are completed in June so we can empty current storage units and stop paying rent in July. The banco wall cracks have been filled and the wall painted. The committee will paint railings around the church rather than hiring a contractor in June and July. Red curbing by CDC needs painting, will do in May. Some pavers need to be reset, chairs in sanctuary have been cleaned, carpeting has been cleaned. Some flower beds need refreshing will be done this summer. Meditation path will be cleaned up and refreshed, too.

Plaza: Last report on Plaza! 20 bricks still need to be engraved. Entire project Came in 4.9% over projected original budget due to the addition of lighting and sound.

WELCA: 25% of the Unit's quarterly offering will be given to the Synod. Some changes in the way the Unit operates are being discussed.

11. Old Business: Key Objective discuss in detail Outreach/Benevolence

Pastor Jim Vadis has been doing a Bible study at Saddlebrooke that has been so popular he set another group at RLC. Randy has a study using the Arizona Daily Star that studies 2 articles looking at the events in the faith lens, about 20 people have been attending.

Our target is to increase volunteers 10%, Social Ministry is keeping track so we have a base line.

Randy has been meeting parents at CDC once/month when the parents drop off their students. Randy is developing relationships with the parents and they are opening up more, getting a lot of positive feedback. Social Ministry is working at getting more people engaged in current ministries rather than just looking at new ministries. Updated brochures are being developed. There is a change in the Vision (major articles in first week of the month, rest of the month more of a calendar). Social ministry is coming up with a 5 year plan for benevolence activities.

12. New Business: Nominating Committee-The number of candidates has equaled the number of openings the past several years. The NC has been raising the issue if that is appropriate (democratic/fair). The pros and cons were discussed, Al said some people are concerned that people might be offended/hurt if they don't win; Lee moved that we leave the process as it is, Sarah seconded the motion, motion carried.

13. New Business: Congregational Meeting has been scheduled for , 5-21-17 Noon to Call Pastor Randy Winsand as our Executive Pastor.

14. Other Old or New Business discussion or concerns

The Bishop said we need to have a congressional meeting to officially call Randy as an Executive Pastor. Randy was called as Outreach Pastor and now the congregation has to call him as Executive Pastor, the Council cannot make the position available. It is a technicality we have to do to maintain proper order. Dyann moved we have a congregational meeting May 21 to call Randy, Rick seconded motion, motion passed.

15. Positive Reflections on RLC Mission and Ministry

Council members shared positive events that have happened at RLC this past month.

16. Closing Prayer

17. Adjourn Meeting. Dyann moved we adjourn, Sarah seconded, motion passed.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Other Key Objectives:

Outreach/Benevolence

Lay Leadership