

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
COUNCIL OF GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF
WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 18, 2011**

Members Present:

Randy Bachtel, Glenn Bair, Charlie Beckhardt, Al Doermann, Karen Ganjon, Donald Ludwig, Rich Schuster, Matt Sherlock, Tim Stanton, Rev. Martha Clementson, Rev. Kevin Clementson

Members Absent:

Ted Forman, Dena Hodges, Elissa Streaker, Nancy Taylor, John Yarish

Opening of Meeting:

Charlie Beckhardt, president of the Council called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm. Matt Sherlock led devotions. Glenn Bair will lead devotions in September and Randy Bachtel will lead devotions in October. The Council members adopted the agenda as presented.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Charlie Beckhardt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the proposed minutes of the regular meeting of the Council held on June 20, 2011. The minutes were approved as written.

President's Report:

Charlie reported that no independent actions were taken by the Executive Committee at its meeting.

Old Business:

Randy Bachtel, Chair of the Property Committee, reported that the brick sealing project has been completed. However, the chimney on the Stoner Building is in need of repair. (Randy provided a picture of the chimney for the Council to view.) Given that the chimney serves no purpose, it was recommended that the chimney be taken down before it falls down. When the chimney is taken down, the roof will be sealed at that site. As a result, the roofline will change the physical appearance of the building. Randy wanted to make the Council aware of this improvement and noted that the same contractor who sealed the brick will do this work.

Randy announced that he is looking for volunteers, to join members of the Property Committee, to participate in a work day at church on either August 6th or August 27th (date to be confirmed). There are a number of items that need attention and can be taken care of with additional helping hands.

Pastors' Report:

A written report was provided by Pastor Martha. She also provided a list of the 2011 Committees, Chairpersons, Council Liaisons, and Pastor/Staff Contacts for reference. In addition, a thank you note was received from Pastor Sarah Babylon Dorrance in appreciation for the gift from Grace in honor of her ordination.

Treasurer's Report:

Don Ludwig presented the written financial reports and highlighted several items. He reported that the Preliminary Audit Report was received. The Audit and Finance committees will meet with the Auditors to review the Report in August. In addition, Don stated that \$2500.00 in memorials have been received. Charlie noted that these memorials are unrestricted funds (that is, not dedicated for a specific purpose) so will become part of the General Giving and used for general purposes. Letters are sent to express appreciation to the givers for the gifts.

The treasurer's report was approved and referred to the Audit Committee.

Prayers of the Church were offered by Council members.

New Business:

The Council approved the following recommendation. The Nominating Committee is asked to appoint a young adult (30 years or younger) to complete the unexpired term of Bill Glazier. It is anticipated that the appointment of the person will be ratified at the September Council meeting.

The Council approved the following dates for the next Council meetings: September 19, 2011 and October 10, 2011. There will be no August Council meeting.

After the praying of the Lord's Prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully,
Karen Ganjon, Council Secretary