

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION  
COUNCIL OF GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF  
WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND HELD ON FEBRUARY 20, 2012**

Members Present:

Randy Bachtel, Ted Forman, Michele Krichinsky, Donald Ludwig, Charlie Beckhardt, Karen Ganjon, Rich Schuster, Nancy Taylor, Ron Fairchild, Johanna Monka, Mike Shipley, Linwood Van Horn, Rev. Martha Clementson, Rev. Kevin Clementson

Members Absent:

John Yarish, Al Doermann, Deborah Brennan

Opening of Meeting:

Charlie Beckhardt, president of the council, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Karen Ganjon led devotions. Randy Bachtel will lead devotions in March. The agenda was adopted as presented.

Presentation:

Ed Leister gave a presentation for the Legacy Circle of Grace Planned Giving Program. This program has been developed by a subcommittee of the Stewardship Committee in response to a charge from council in December 2010. The program encourages the members of our congregation to plan for the future and include Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in their will or estate plan. A motion passed to heartily accept and approve the presented plan of implementation for the Legacy Circle of Grace Planned Giving Program.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Charlie asked if there were any additions or corrections to the proposed minutes of the regular meeting held on January 16, 2012. The minutes were approved. Charlie asked if there were any additions or corrections to the proposed minutes of the executive session of the regular meeting held on January 16, 2012. The minutes were approved.

Presidents Report:

Charlie referred the council to the recent closing of Dutterer's Florist, a Westminster family business. Grace has been the beneficiary for many years through our relationship with this family and their business. A note of thanks and gratitude will be sent from the council to acknowledge this long partnership. The Lenten Soup meals will begin this week. Council will provide the meal on March 14, 2012. Please sign up to help with this event. There have been heating issues at the rental property at 18 Carroll Street. Don Meyers has been authorized to work with the property manager to try to identify the problem and address the issue. There are safety issues with the cross walk to the parking lot on Carroll Street. We have met with the Westminster Police Department to address the concern. The first parking place has been closed to improve visibility. A blinking light at the area will cost \$2,700.00. The city does not have funds to provide the light. A suggestion was made to consider rumble strips to try and slow traffic. Randy Bachtel will

Speak with the city about this possibility. Ann Cox, the church contributions recorder will retire at the end of March. She is compensated for 4 hours of work per week.

Pastors' Report:

A written report was provided. A motion was approved to appoint Taylor Glass-Button as Grace's Youth/Young Adult Voting Member to the 2012 Delaware-Maryland Synod Assembly. A motion was also approved to appoint Nichole Mens as the Charter Organizational Representative to the Cub Scout Pack 393 beginning immediately and extending to the end of the year. A suggestion was made to send a thank you note and a bouquet of flowers to Ann Cox for her years of service to Grace.

Treasurer's Report:

Don Ludwig reported that \$20,000 was moved out of operations and into the investment accounts. A letter was read from BB&T bank to Grace thanking us for our continued business and requesting a Board Resolution document be signed that allows BB&T to act as the investment agent for the church. The document was signed by Nancy Taylor, Council Secretary. A motion was made and approved to refer the December 31, 2011 financial statement to the Audit Committee and to the auditor for review. A motion was made and approved to refer the January 31, 2012 financial statement to the Audit Committee.

Old Business:

Executive session was entered at 8:45pm and ended at 9:02pm.

Pastor Kevin commissioned Randy Bachtel, Ted Forman, John Yarish, Michele Krichinsky and Don Ludwig as members of the nominating committee for 2012.

Prayers of the Church:

Prayers were offered by Charlie Beckhardt and Pastor Kevin.

New Business:

Ann Cox will retire as contributions recorder at the end of March. A job description for Contributions Recorder was presented and approved. A recommendation and endorsement from the Personnel Committee, both pastors and the Executive Committee was made to offer the position to Dawn Stem. This will bring her to 39 hours per week. This recommendation was approved.

Announcements:

Mike Shipley brought a suggestion from the Property Committee to give a safety tour of the facility to the council members. This could potentially be done in association with a presentation from Legacy Circle of Grace.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 9:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Taylor, Council Secretary