

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL OF  
GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND  
HELD ON MARCH 19, 2012**

Members Present:

Randy Bachtel, Charlie Beckhardt, Deborah Brennan, Al Doermann, Ron Fairchild, Karen Ganjon, Johanna Monka, Rich Schuster, Mike Shipley, Linwood Van Horn, John Yarish, Rev. Kevin Clementson, Rev. Martha Clementson

Members Absent:

Ted Forman, Michele Krichinsky, Donald Ludwig, Nancy Taylor

Opening of Meeting:

Charlie Beckhardt, president of the Council, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Randy Bachtel led devotions. Al Doermann will lead devotions in April. The agenda was adopted as presented.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Charlie asked if there were any additions or corrections to the proposed minutes of the regular meeting of the Council held on February 20, 2012. The minutes were adopted as presented. Charlie asked if there were any additions or corrections to the proposed minutes of the executive session of the regular meeting held on February 20, 2012. The minutes were adopted as presented. Charlie asked if there were any additions or corrections to the proposed minutes of the annual congregational meeting held on December 4, 2011. The minutes were approved for publication in the annual report for final approval by the congregation. Charlie noted that minutes of Council meetings are posted on the church website under Church Council.

President's Report:

Charlie expressed his appreciation to the Council for their help and support with the Lenten meal. Attendance at the meals (50-80 persons) and for midweek Lenten services (70-100 persons) has been good. He also distributed name tags for the newest Council members.

Pastors' Report:

A written report was provided. Pastor Martha highlighted some dates about upcoming services and events.

Treasurer's Report:

A written report was provided. In Don Ludwig's absence and after prior consultation with Don Meyers, chair of the Finance Committee, Pastor Kevin presented the treasurer's report. He stated that in terms of the rental property, we are hopeful to have a renter in property # 20 by April 1, 2012. The Council reviewed the written financial report and moved to refer the treasurer's report to the audit committee.

Old Business:

Executive session was entered at 7:25 pm and ended at 8:02 pm.

Prayers of the Church were offered by Pastor Kevin, Jo Monka and Charlie Beckhardt.

New Business:

Charlie revisited the process that was most recently in place to fill the position of Director of Christian Education, Youth and Family Ministries. He asked for the Council's support to re-engage the Call/Search Committee to seek a qualified, rostered person for the position. Again, the Pastors, voices representing adult, youth and family ministries, members of Council, members of the Personnel Committee, and a youth will work with the Delaware –Maryland Synod representative to find candidates to interview for this position. With general support from the Council, Charlie noted that the Council will be asked to approve the Call/Search committee members and will be kept informed as the process moves forward.

Announcements:

On April 21, 2012, the Council and Property Committee will have a joint meeting. Members will tour our church building to identify places/ items related to safety and security that these persons should know and be aware of in the event of an emergency. Also, the Legacy Circle of Grace Committee will present the program to the Council before a presentation is made to the congregation. The meeting is scheduled from 9 am- 11 am.

The meeting was adjourned with the praying of the Lord's Prayer at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Ganjon, Council Member