

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION  
COUNCIL OF GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF  
WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND HELD ON May 21, 2012**

Members present:

Randy Bachtel, Michele Krichinsky, Ted Forman, Charlie Beckhardt, Al Doermann, Karen Ganjon, Rich Schuster, Nancy Taylor, Deborah Brennan, Ron Fairchild, Mike Shipley, Linwood Van Horn, Rev. Martha Clementson, Rev. Kevin Clementson

Members Absent:

John Yarish, Don Ludwig, Johanna Monka

Opening of Meeting:

Charlie Beckhardt, president of the council, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Ron Fairchild led devotions. Deborah Brennan will lead devotions in June. Michele Krichinsky will lead devotions in July. 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 held on April 16, 2012. The minutes were approved.

President's Report:

Charlie shared a thank you letter and certificate from the Delaware-Maryland Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for our mission support. He reported that Executive Committee met and one action was taken. Approval was given for a \$250.00 expenditure for a required training for commercial underground storage tanks. Arthur Pease and Gary Ganjon will attend the training. Charlie expressed his thanks to Karen Ganjon, Ron Fairchild, Don Ludwig, and Randy Bachtel for presenting the temple talks for the Legacy Circle of Grace. He also thanked the council for their participation in the May congregational meeting. Approval was given for the ballots from the informational meeting to be destroyed.

Pastors' Report:

A written report was provided. The pastors presented 2 items of recommendation. A motion was approved to accept the list of 11 individuals presented for membership. A list of dates that will be designated as All Grace Worship Services was approved as presented. Pastor Martha reported that Grace in our Neighborhoods is going well. Many volunteers have come forward. Nine gatherings have been set up.

Treasurer's Report

A written report was provided. All committees are under budget. The report was referred to the Audit Committee.

Old Business:

Approval was given by the congregation to move forward with the sale of the Carroll Street properties. There will be an announcement in Grace Notes and the bulletin that the properties are for sale prior to a notice going out to the general public. This will allow any interested member of Grace to take advantage of the opportunity. The properties were appraised for market value. Final decisions for the sale will be up to the entire council. A small committee will be set up to do the legwork associated with the sale.

Prayers of the Church:

Prayers were offered by Randy Bachtel, Al Doermann, Pastor Martha, and Charlie Beckhardt.

New Business:

The free will offering from the Lenten soup meals is approximately \$600.00. The Executive Committee recommends that Grace join with other churches of the synod in supporting a missionary in Tanzania with \$340.00 to cover 2 months rent. The remainder of the funds is to be divided equally between Carroll Food Sunday and ELCA World Hunger. The recommendation was approved.

Pastor Martha reported that Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church will celebrate our 145<sup>th</sup> anniversary in September. We need to begin to plan some type of event to celebrate this milestone.

Announcements:

The July council meeting will be moved to July 30, 2012. Al Doermann reports that he went on a tour of our facility with the new member class. It was very much appreciated. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Taylor, Council Secretary