

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
COUNCIL OF GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF
WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND HELD ON July 30, 2012**

Members present:

Donald Ludwig, John Yarish, Charlie Beckhardt, Karen Ganjon, Rich Schuster, Nancy Taylor, Deborah Brennan, Mike Shipley, Linwood Van Horn, Rev. Martha Clementson, Rev. Kevin Clementson

Members Absent:

Ted Forman, Randy Bachtel, Michele Krichinsky, Al Doermann, Ron Fairchild, Johanna Monka

Opening of Meeting:

Charlie Beckhardt, President of the council, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Charlie Beckhardt led devotions. Michele Krichinsky will lead devotions in September. 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 June 18, 2012. The minutes were approved as presented. Charlie asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the Congregational meeting held on May 6, 2012. The minutes were approved as written for presentation to the congregation at the Annual Business Meeting.

President's Report:

Sheila Law was very appreciative of the reception in her honor. She sent a thank you note which was shared with the council. Our annual meeting is coming upon us. We need to begin to consider candidates for council positions and synod assembly delegates. It would be ideal to have the profiles of the candidates in the November newsletter.

Pastors' Report:

A written report was provided. Grace in our Neighborhoods gatherings are going well. Be sure to go to the website and explore the online giving options. Simply Giving can also be done online.

Treasurer's Report

A written report was presented. Our total expenses are below budget. The report was referred to the Audit Committee. The Lawrence Zepp bequest transactions should be completed in the next couple of weeks. Contributions to the Clementson Seminarian Support fund totaled \$5,560.00. A donation of \$1,500.00 was made to the seminary in Gettysburg. A thank you note from the seminary was shared with the council.

Old Business:

A motion from the Executive Committee was passed to ratify the Search Committee's selection of Leanne Elliott as the Director of Christian Education, Youth and Family Ministry. A resolution was presented and passed to officially establish the Clementson Seminarian Support Fund. There is \$4,060.00 in the fund.

Prayers of the church were offered by Council members.

New Business:

The 145th Anniversary of the founding of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church is in September. We need to begin to plan for this event. The next council meeting will be September 17, 2012.

Announcements:

Pastor Ron Schlak will preach at Rally Day.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Taylor, Council Secretary