

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
COUNCIL OF GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF
WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND HELD ON September 17, 2012**

Members present:

Donald Ludwig, Karen Ganjon, Rich Schuster, Nancy Taylor, Linwood Van Horn, Rev. Martha Clementson, Rev. Kevin Clementson, Ted Forman, Michele Krichinsky, Al Doermann, Johanna Monka

Guest present: Vicar Karin Albaugh

Members Absent:

Charlie Beckhardt, Randy Bachtel, John Yarish, Deborah Brennan, Ron Fairchild, Mike Shipley

Opening of Meeting:

Don Ludwig, treasurer of the council, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Michele Krichinsky led devotions. Vicar Karin Albaugh will lead devotions in October. The agenda was adopted as presented.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Don asked if there were any additions or corrections to the proposed minutes of the regular meeting held on July 30, 2012. The minutes were approved as presented.

President's Report:

No report was presented.

Pastors' Report:

A written report was provided. Randy Bachtel's father died on Sept. 13, 2012. Contributions can be made to St. John's Lutheran Church of Red House Memorial Fund in memory of Harold Bachtel. The address is 3301 Garret Highway Oakland, MD 21550. Contributions can also be made to Hospice of Garrett County, PO Box 271, Oakland, MD 21550. Vicar Karin has decided her internship project will be a Young Adult Tavern Ministry. It is open to young adults ages 21 to 30's. They will be meeting at J&P in Westminster. A motion was presented by Pastor Martha and passed by the council on behalf of the WELCA that the weekend of Nov 17/18 will be a weekend of Thankoffering. A special offering will be collected to be shared with the mission work by the WELCA.

Treasurer's Report

A written report was presented. There are 2 revisions to be made to the report. A church member has gifted 111 shares of Exxon Mobil to the church. The funds from the sale of this stock are to be directed to mortgage reduction. The treasurer's report will not be forwarded to the audit committee pending corrections.

Old Business:

A motion from the Finance Committee was presented and approved. The motion states it is the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Clementson Seminarian Support Fund be moved to the temporarily restricted account in the investment fund.

Pastor Martha would like all council members to review the Financial Support of Members Engaged in Seminary Education policy document that she handed out. This document was approved by the Finance Committee at their last meeting. She would like to vote on this policy at the next council meeting.

The 145th Anniversary Celebration is this weekend. Volunteers are needed to help out with the open house.

Prayers of the church were offered by Council members.

New Business:

Pastor Kevin was pleased to report that 4 members of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church serve on the board of Carroll Lutheran Village. Those members serving are Ron Fairchild, Ed Leister, Carol Plunkert, and Kay Betz. Neal Hoffman just went off the board.

Announcements:

There were none.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Taylor, Council Secretary