

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL OF GRACE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Meeting Held on December 16, 2013**

Members Present

Ron Fairchild, Rich Chaney, Rev. Martha Clementson, Rev. Kevin Clementson, Kevin Dayhoff, Patt Patterson Jones, Donna Kent, Robert Lichtfuss, Don Ludwig, Donald Meyers, Jan Mickey, Carrie Oddis, Kathy Rehak, Brian Sherfey, Michael Shipley, Linwood VanHorn

Members Absent

Johanna Monka

Opening of Meeting

Ron Fairchild, President of the council, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Devotions were led by Pastor Kevin.

Introductions

Because we are beginning a new council year, we began with personal introductions and a brief list of the skills and talents we bring to the council.

Meeting Agenda and Approval of Minutes

The agenda was adopted. The minutes of the regular meeting held on November 18, 2013 were approved as amended. On page 2 of the minutes under Pastors' Report delete ' Sheri and Bill Harman, daughters Emili (17) and Megan (12)' from the list of new members. The minutes of the Special Congregation Meeting held on December 1, 2013 were approved.

President's Report

Ron announced to the Pastors that the council would like to cover the remaining cost of their trip in January. It was felt this was a way to recognize everything they do and to send a message about how much we value their professional development. This will be accomplished by combining year end contributions and some small amount of discretionary funds.

Ron gave an overview of the constitution, continuing resolutions, and by-laws. He encouraged each member to become familiar with the constitution especially as it pertains to committee responsibilities. He also described council member expectations and responsibilities highlighting confidentiality. Ron distributed the list of council meetings scheduled for the entire year. Take note that the January meeting is being scheduled for the 27th due to the pastors' trip. He also explained how devotions and prayers of the church are assigned.

Installation of Council Members

The installation of council members will be on January 5 at both the 9:00 service and the 11:00 service. If possible, council members are being asked to attend both services. Don Meyers indicated he could not attend on that day.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Martha shared that our congregational allocation for members to attend the Synod Assembly has increased to 10 lay positions, 1 youth/young adult and 2 clergy positions. It was also noted that since the assembly is one day shorter expenses will stay well within the budget.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer reported that the transition of accounts to the New Windsor State Bank continues. Council reviewed the November financials and approved them to be forwarded to the Audit Committee.

Old Business

Much discussion occurred regarding the sanctuary renovation and the related needs to be addressed. Don Meyers volunteered to serve as the council liaison to an ad hoc committee that will make recommendations to the council on how to proceed.

New Business

Council review and approved the list of individuals that hold church credit cards and their associated credit limits.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Donna Kent, Council Secretary