

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL  
OF GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Meeting Held on March 17, 2014**

**Members Present**

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

**Members Absent**

None

**Guests**

Arthur Pease, Randy Bachtel

**Opening of Meeting**

Ron Fairchild, President of the council, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and introduced our guests. Patt Patterson Jones led devotions.

**Meeting Agenda and Approval of Minutes**

The agenda was adopted and the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 27, 2014 were approved as submitted.

**President's Report**

Ron read correspondence from Don Myers thanking council for supporting his entering seminary. Ron also passed around sign-ups for soup, breads, setup, cleanup and serving at the Lenten Soup Supper on April 2.

**Pastor's Report**

The pastors shared their monthly report and reviewed the various Lenten, Holy Week and Easter services. The Pastors continue the Sunday evening study of Adam Hamilton's book, *Why? Making Sense of God's Will*. Pastor Martha explained that the monies from the Lenten soup suppers would be going to support ELCA Hunger initiative. She also explained the "chicks" and how they would not only feed the hungry but would provide a means for the families to earn money to support families.

**Treasurer's Report**

Don Ludwig, treasurer, shared the most recent financial reports with the council. There was a motion to refer the treasurer's report to the Audit Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

**Prayers of the Church**

Prayers of the church were given by Pastor Kevin and Mike Shipley.

### **Old Business**

Randy, Arthur, and Don Meyers gave a presentation outlining a proposal for repairing the roofs and replacing the ceiling in the sanctuary. The priorities for the project are 1) to address safety issues; 2) to maintain the architectural and acoustical integrity of the space; and 3) to proceed in a fiscally responsible manner.

They presented a 3-page report which included a description of the bids received from various contractors. The following motion was brought forward from the Executive Committee:

The Council authorizes the following:

- Signing a letter of intent to hire Bahret Church Interiors/Smoker Design Build to replace the ceiling, repair wood and moldings, repair walls and paint the entire sanctuary at a negotiated cost of \$105,000.
- Approving funds in the amount of \$6,150 for Wantz Electric to begin work on electrical modifications.
- Approving funds not to exceed \$40,000 for the placement of foam insulation on the underside of the rafters.\*\*\*
- Approving funds not to exceed \$30,000 to replace and/or repair the roofs above the cloisters and the fellowship hall.
- Removing and cleaning organ pipes.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed. The council thanked Randy for leading the ad hoc committee to oversee the repairs of the sanctuary.

*\*\*\* On March 30, 2014, the Council unanimously voted to retract the provision of the motion involving the \$40,000 for the placement of the foam insulation. Council determined that it needs more time to fully evaluate this aspect of the project and get an independent third party assessment on whether and where to spray the insulation.*

### **New Business**

Bob Lichtfuss gave a report from the Worship and Music Committee.

Updates to the constitution are needed and an ad-hoc committee may be formed in the near future to address changes.

Donna Kent passed out cards with names of your new prayer partners. Donna encouraged all of the Council members to pray for their partners for 2 months.

### **Announcements**

There will be a special service on May 17, 2014 to honor community volunteers and emergency services personnel. Please attend if possible.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 9:15 p.m. Everyone took a few minutes to meet their new prayer partners.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Kent, Council Secretary