

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CONGREGATION COUNCIL OF
GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Meeting Held on December 15, 2014

Members Present: Rev. Kevin Clementson, Kevin Dayhoff, Donald Ludwig, Rich Chaney, Don Meyers, Jan Mickey, Bill Comegna, Bob Lichtfuss, Ron Fairchild, Johanna Monka, Linwood Van Horn, and Carrie Oddis,

Members Absent

Brian Sherfey, Donna Kent, Rev. Martha Clementson, Kathy Rehak, Patt Patterson Jones,

Opening of Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by council president Ron Fairchild.

Devotions

Don Meyers led us in devotions. He shared with us some insights and devotions that he gathered recently from his Harley Davidson dealership – especially about Christmas and meeting with people, being at peace, understanding what is important, and being thankful for what we have. Just ‘being there,’ –that we should consider slowing down and be an encouragement to our friends and family at Christmas – a time to connect...

Meeting Agenda and Approval of Minutes

At 7:10 p.m. the agenda was adopted and approved. The minutes of the regular meeting held on November 17, 2014 were approved as amended. The minutes of the annual congregation meeting of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church meeting held on December 7, 2014 were reviewed. The Dec. 7, 2014 minutes will be put before the congregation for approval at the next congregational meeting.

President’s Report

President Fairchild thanked everyone who contributed to a successful annual congregational meeting. Fairchild was especially excited about the large number of new members.

President Fairchild also remarked about how much he enjoyed the Christmas program. Jan Mickey mentioned that one of the new members is already pitching-in and helping-out with a committee.

Pastor Kevin noted that there are several folks that have been attending services and have expressed an interest in joining the church.

President Fairchild called to our attention – and passed-out information about two opportunities for involvement in the near future. The two leadership events are coming-up on January 25 and 31, 2014.

Diana Butler Bass will speak on January 25, 2014 on her extensive research focusing on the changes in the world and the church.

Then on January 31, 2014, we will meet to discuss what we had learned from Ms. Bass' presentation.

Pastors' Report

In addition to his submitted report, at 7:23 p.m. Pastor Kevin shared that it is a busy season... Pastor Kevin and Pastor Martha will take the church staff out for a Christmas luncheon tomorrow. He was excited about attending the Christmas program at Carroll Lutheran School – and at Carroll Lutheran Village.

He commented that we will have eleven voting members at the upcoming Lutheran Synod meeting at the end of May - May 28-30, 2014. Jan Mickey asked about our relative size in the Synod. We are still in the top eight or nine churches in the Synod. Grace Lutheran Church is known for being active and involved and that we can make a difference. We have a unique position in that we are located in a small town and yet close enough to Baltimore to be affected by urban challenges.

Treasurer's Report

At 7:33 p.m. Bill Comegna presented the treasurer's report, including an anonymous gift of \$97,900 for the purposes of renovating the kitchen. Some additional discussion followed about various details in our financial reports. It was discussed that Grace has two things to focus upon: general giving - and our operational and debt reduction expenses.

A motion was made by Don Meyers and Linwood Van Horn seconded that we refer the treasurer's report to a future audit committee

It was discussed that we need to visit who is on the audit committee and the finance committee for the future.

7:50 PM Committee Reports. There were no committee reports.

7:50 PM Prayers of the Church were delivered by Bill Comegna, Kevin Dayhoff and Pastor Kevin Clementson.

New Business

At this point in the meeting President Fairchild took-up the election of council officers at 7:58. After some discussion a slate of officers was proposed by the executive committee: Ron Fairchild for president, Don Meyers for vice president, Donna Kent for secretary, and Bill Comegna for treasury.

It was motioned and seconded to close the slate of officers to be voted-upon. Subsequently the slate of officers was approved.

A review and wide-ranging discussion of possible committee assignments began at 8:03 p.m.

At 8:10 President Fairchild began a discussion about convening a listening session for the purposes of renovating the kitchen.

Announcements

Council installation at will take place 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. on January 11, 2015

8:30 PM Adjourn with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted:

Kevin E. Dayhoff, substitute council secretary

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- Rev. Martha Clementson, Co-Senior Pastor
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- Kevin Dayhoff (1st term expires Dec 2015)
- Donna Kent (1st term expires Dec 2015)
- Kathy Rehak (1st term expires Dec 2015)
- Brian Sherfey (1st term expires Dec 2015)
- Donald Ludwig (2nd term expires Dec 2015)
- Rich Chaney (1st term expires Dec 2016)
- Don Meyers (1st term expires Dec 2016)
- Patt Patterson Jones (1st term expires Dec 2016)
- Carrie Oddis (1st term expires Dec 2016)
- Jan Mickey (1st term expires Dec 2016)
- Bill Comegna (1st term expires Dec 2017)
- Bob Lichtfuss (2nd term expires Dec 2017)
- Ron Fairchild (2nd term expires Dec 2017)
- Johanna Monka (2nd term expires Dec 2017)
- Linwood Van Horn (2nd term expires Dec 2017)

Our Mission

Gifted with God's grace, redeemed by God's Son, and filled with the Holy Spirit, we grow in our relationship with God, one another, and community. Through word and sacrament, we gather to worship, learn, and go into the world empowered to serve.