

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL OF
GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Meeting Held on March 2, 2015**

Members Present

Ron Fairchild, Rev. Martha Clementson, Rev. Kevin Clementson, Donna Kent, Robert Lichtfuss, Carrie Oddis, Kathy Rehak, Linwood Van Horn, Rich Chaney, Patt Patterson Jones, Bill Comegna, Brian Sherfey, Don Meyers

Members Absent

Don Ludwig, Jan Mickey, Jo Monka, Kevin Dayhoff

Opening of Meeting

President Ron Fairchild opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and Patt Patterson Jones led devotions.

Meeting Agenda and Approval of Minutes

The agenda was adopted and the minutes of the previous cancelled meeting will be presented at the next meeting.

President's Report

Ron thanked all council members for their work at the soup dinner. Members commented on the diversity and choices of soup. Well done.

A motion was brought forward to give the green light to proceed with a search committee to begin finding a replacement for Arthur (facilities manager). Motion carried.

Ron gave an update on the kitchen renovation. A first meeting was held on February 11, 2015 to gather everyone's suggestions and recommendations. It is only the first step and Ron will keep us informed as it progresses.

Ron thanked Bill Comenga for the FAQ financial paper he designed. Discussion followed on how to best show the congregation financial information. The Finance Committee will discuss and bring back any proposals.

Pastors' Report

Pastor Martha suggested that we hold a reception to acknowledge Arthur's non-retirement. Sunday, April 12, 2015 the first Sunday after Easter, after the All Grace service. Suggested gifts were gift cards toward purchase of cell phone and a miniature Grace church.

Pastor Martha discussed a handout highlighting membership losses from 2013 and 2014. It was evident that there was reasoning behind the loss of members and was not indicative of dissatisfaction.

Committee Reports

Christian Education

Carrie Oddis reported that a Teacher Appreciation breakfast will be held on April 12, 2015. May 31 and June 7 are scheduled for intergenerational activities. The following week will begin our summer schedule.

Property

Rich Chaney said Property would be meeting soon and will give an update on the handling of the fuel tank after which the cross out front will be replaced.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Comegna passed out updated financial reports. He also had an iPad available to demonstrate how to use it for general giving, debt reduction and specialized giving.

Prayers of the Church

Prayers of the church were given by Pastor Kevin, Bill Comegna and Carrie Oddis.

Old Business

We will keep the same prayer partners until the April meeting.

New Business

Ron led discussion on how the council felt about the recent leadership offerings. It was felt that they were extremely beneficial and good ideas. The more difficult thing is to know how and where to go from here. Further discussion and direction are needed.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:40 p.m.
Next Council Meeting will be April 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Donna Kent, Council Secretary