

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL OF  
GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Meeting Held on April 20, 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, Jo Monka

**Members Absent**

Don Ludwig, Jan Mickey, Kevin Dayhoff

**Opening of Meeting**

President Ron Fairchild opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and Don Meyers led devotions.

**Meeting Agenda and Approval of Minutes**

The agenda was adopted and the minutes of the March 2, 2015 meeting were approved as amended.

**Guests**

Pastor Martha introduced our two guests, Ericka Salee and Bradley Martin, Board members, from Carroll Lutheran School.

**President's Report**

Ron thanked council, pastors and staff for all their work during Lent and Easter. He also thanked all who participated in the video presentations.

Ron mentioned the upcoming reception honoring Arthur Pease for his years of service here at Grace. If anyone can help with the reception, please see Pastor Martha. If possible, please come to the reception.

Ron received a letter from the Executive Director of Mar Lu Ridge seeking a gift to be used for the renovation of the kitchen, specifically the ovens. A motion was made and seconded but further discussion led to several possible solutions. 1) When money is collected we would notify Mar Lu Ridge and if they could secure the rest of the cost, we would send \$500 from Grace, 2) If we announce the need for donations from the congregation and we would then match the funds up to \$500.

## **Pastors' Report**

Pastor Martha reported that the Soup Suppers raised \$513 for Carroll Lutheran School and \$457.90 for our youth to attend the national gathering.

Pastor Martha made a motion to approve the following for Confirmation:

Adam Barnes, Sean Bittner, Katie Brennan, Michael Chaney, Wyatt Cox, Natalie Dorsey, Matthew Fairchild, Sophie Gilbert, Dalton Gladden, Anna Lienhard, Catherine Martin, Ryan Scocco, Riley Snyder

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Pastor Martha brought a motion forward to update the job description for Facility Manager. Motion was seconded and carried. The next motion was to hire Charles Crown to fill the position of Facility Manager starting work on May 4. This was also seconded and carried.

## **Presentation from Carroll Lutheran School (CLS)**

Both guests spoke about CLS. Ericka spoke from the parental point of view and how the school meets the needs of the students and the quality of education given. Brad spoke about the history of the school, the structure, and the financial picture of CLS. The council was then invited to ask questions and discussion followed. The council thanked the presenters and felt that the overview was very informative and helpful.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Social Ministry**

Linwood Van Horn informed the council about several upcoming activities and suggestions from the Social Ministry committee:

Global Mission on May 1-2 at Gettysburg Seminary, individuals from Grace are encouraged to attend;

Walk for Hunger – People are encouraged to walk to raise money for a world-wide clean water initiative. Our church plans to participate by having a walk on May 31<sup>st</sup> in the afternoon. Money collected would be taken to the youth event in Detroit and be given as a special offering for the clean water effort;

The church sent \$1500 (plus \$200) to the synod for the Malaria Campaign;

The committee also worked on setting up a calendar for when material donations are being collected by the church for various causes;

Don Myers is planning to organize another day of God's Work, Our Hands for the church;

Arden Folk and Table of Grace continue to have a positive effect on the community.

### Property

Rich Chaney reported the following:

BGE visited our facility this month and conducted a walkthrough as part of their efforts to help commercial facilities and small businesses in the area reduce energy usage and reduce energy costs. The basis of this program was to retrofit the lights throughout the facility with more efficient lower wattage fluorescent bulbs or compact fluorescents. Eighty percent of the cost would be covered by BGE and the remaining twenty percent would be the responsibility of Grace. Payback would be interest free and added to our bill each month over a period of one year. Payback timeframe would possibly be less than the one year. Before we commit to moving forward with this project we have a few additional items we need to review such as: Hours of Usage, Lumens comparison, and verifying KW/Hr rates.

### Christian Education

Carrie Oddis reported the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast was very successful and encouraged others to consider teaching opportunities in the fall. Upcoming events: June 15-19 Mar Lu Ridge, July 6 begins Vacation Bible School.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Bill Comegna reported that March was a very good month. He also showed the financial picture in charts and graph which were extremely helpful. It was suggested that the charts and graph be put in Grace Notes.

### **Prayers of the Church**

Prayers of the church were given by Pastor Martha, Rich Chaney and Donna Kent.

**Old Business**

We met for a short time with our new prayer partners.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Donna Kent, Council Secretary