

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

Meeting Held on May 18, 2015

Members Present

Ron Fairchild, Rev. Martha Clementson, Rev. Kevin Clementson, Donna Kent, Carrie Oddis, Kathy Rehak, Linwood Van Horn, Rich Chaney, Bill Comegna, Brian Sherfey, Don Meyers, Jo Monka, Don Ludwig, Kevin Dayhoff

Members Absent

Jan Mickey, Bob Lichtfuss, Patt Patterson Jones

Opening of Meeting

President Ron Fairchild opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and Jo Monka led devotions on the subject of "hope".

Meeting Agenda and Approval of Minutes

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

Special Presentation

The pastors showed a short video about the ELCA Mission Investment Fund. The ELCA representative visited Grace and the video was an educational piece that talked about how the fund helps people worldwide.

President's Report

President Fairchild commented on the confirmation service yesterday. Thirteen young people were confirmed and Ron said how important it is that we connect our youth to the ministries of Grace. Several council people mentioned how special the confirmation service is each year and Ron thanked the pastors for all their hard work.

Ron also discussed the upcoming informational meeting being held on May 31 during the Sunday School hour. The council members were encouraged to attend if possible. Ron will be giving a short report; the pastors will also give a report; Bill Comegna will give a financial update; Bob Lichtfuss will share demographic information; and Ron will field a Q and A session.

Pastors' Report

The pastors presented seventeen names for membership. The new members will be brought in on May 31.

Pastor Kevin brought forward a motion to have Pastor Martha named as one of the delegates for Carroll Lutheran Village. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Property

Rich reported that there was a problem with the freezer and he will follow-up. June 5 and 6 is set for work on the columbarium. Rich also heard a rumor about a renovation of Grace Hall. This was news to most members and it was decided that we would need further study and discussion but not at this time.

President Fairchild suggested that a Kitchen Renovation Task Force should be named and Ron would be willing to facilitate the first meeting. The Executive Committee suggested naming Charles Crown, Dave Monka, Diane Fogle, Deb Null, Christy Vadder and one or both pastors. A motion was made, seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Comegna reported that April was not quite as good as March financially. He distributed his report and graphs and it was felt that attendance records should also be included in Grace Notes along with the charts.

Prayers of the Church

Prayers of the church were given by Pastor Kevin, Brian Sherfey and Kevin Dayhoff.

Old Business

We met for a short time with our prayer partners.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Donna Kent, Council Secretary