

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

Meeting Held on June 15, 2015

Members Present

Ron Fairchild, Rev. Martha Clementson, Rev. Kevin Clementson, Donna Kent, Carrie Oddis, Kathy Rehak, Linwood Van Horn, Bill Comegna, Don Meyers, Kevin Dayhoff, Patt Patterson Jones, Bob Lichtfuss

Members Absent

Rich Chaney, Don Ludwig, Jan Mickey, Jo Monka, Brian Sherfey

Opening of Meeting

President Ron Fairchild opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Bob Lichtfuss led devotions with a topic of "What is your gift?"

Meeting Agenda and Approval of Minutes

The agenda was adopted and the minutes of the May 18, 2015 meeting were approved as amended (Bill Comegna's name misspelled). The minutes of the May 31, 2015 Congregational Information meeting were accepted and will be voted for approval at the annual congregation meeting.

President's Report

President Fairchild thanked Bob Lichtfuss for the work he has done and the presentation he did during the intergenerational time. The information sparked a lot of conversation regarding the demographics of most mainline religions and how Grace's demographics differ.

Ron brought a motion from the Executive Committee, which did not need a second. He indicated that we will continue conversations at the July meeting. We plan to invite committee chairs as well as committee members to join us at 7:30 p.m. on July 20, 2015. Council members will convene at 7:00 p.m. so that we can have regular business completed by 7:30 p.m. The motion carried.

Ron also acknowledged both Pastor Martha and Pastor Kevin on the milestone of 31 years in ministry as well as 35 years of marital bliss.

President Fairchild reported that the Kitchen Task Force will be meeting in July and he will facilitate the first meeting.

Pastors' Report

Pastor Martha started discussion about the Saturday evening service on July 4, 2015. People were asking if the service was going to be canceled. A motion was made to cancel the Saturday evening service scheduled for July 4. The motion was seconded and during discussion council members were stressing how very difficult it is to navigate through Westminster during the evening of fireworks. The motion carried and the service will be canceled.

Pastor Martha brought a motion forward to purchase a second bench for the columbarium area. The motion was seconded and was passed.

Committee Reports

Stewardship/Growth for Ministry

Ron Fairchild reported that the Stewardship committee is being revitalized with new folks and they are working toward fall activities.

Evangelism

Patt Patterson Jones reported that letters of congratulations were sent out to all the confirmands.

Christian Education

Carrie Oddis reported the Christian Education Committee will meet tomorrow and they are interested in feedback about the intergenerational activities.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Comegna reported that May was not as good as April but explained that May had several high expenses and there were three paydays for staff that accounted for some of the expenses. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Prayers of the Church

Prayers of the church were given by Pastor Martha, Linwood Van Horn and Patt Patterson Jones.

Old Business

None.

New Business

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

Announcements

Pastor Martha reported that we received a thank you letter from the Synod for our Mission Support.

We also received a thank you letter from Karen Ganjon, Carroll Lutheran School, in acknowledgement of the \$500 we donated from the Soup Meals.

REMINDER: Picnic being held on July 12 at Jerusalem Church on Bachman's Valley Road.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Donna Kent, Council Secretary