

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL OF
GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Meeting Held on October 19, 2015**

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Rich Chaney, Don Ludwig

Opening of Meeting

President Ron Fairchild opened the meeting promptly at 7:00 pm. Jan Mickey led devotions focusing on "Come To Me."

Meeting Agenda and Approval of Minutes

The agenda was adopted and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

President's Report

Ron announced that two council positions will need to be filled at the annual congregation meeting. Don Ludwig and Kathy Rehak are concluding their terms and Ron thanked them both for their service to the congregation.

Ron distributed the information about the upcoming "First Gifts" stewardship campaign that will be sent to all members. He encouraged all council members to participate.

Ron announced that there will be an Order of St. Stephen service setting apart two Grace members, Jan Mickey and Dena Hodges, and three others. The service will be held here at Grace on October 24, 2015 at 1:00 p.m., with Bishop Wolfgang Herz-Lane delivering the message. A reception will follow and Jo Monka is asking for help with cookies and/or serving. Ron asked council members to attend.

Pastors' Report

Pastor Martha explained the "setting apart" of deacons and gave a short history of the Order of St. Stephen, Deacon within the ELCA. Pastor Martha also presented a Letter of Call for each detailing their focus for ministry at Grace. A motion to approve the letters was seconded and passed unanimously.

The pastors distributed the “Grace Membership Changes”. As part of the discussion they explained the difficult task of reconciling the membership numbers. This involved going back through numerous binders to try to match up names and numbers. Staff member, Sheilah Keefer, has put endless hours on this project and feels that the end may be in sight. Sheilah will receive a thank you note from the Council.

Committee Reports

Adult Ed

Pastor Martha reported that the “Quiet Evenings” will undergo some changes. It is now more of a “Quiet Worship” with additional activities if you wish to participate (perhaps service/prayer stations/labyrinth). The next Quiet Worship will be held on December 6 using a “theme” such as holidays even with problems.

Traditional Worship

Bob Lichtfuss reported that there will be one Readings and Carols at 5:00 p.m. Saturday and another on Sunday 26/27.

Property

It was reported that the large empty oil tank will be removed within the month. The sign, trees and garden area will need to be removed also. The air handler still needs to be done although the response is slow.

Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer’s report was approved and Bill Comegna passed out updated financial reports.

Prayers of the Church

Prayers of the church were given by Don Meyers, Ron Fairchild and Pastor Martha.

New Business

Since time was late, please continue praying for your prayer partner of last month.

A motion was made to adopt \$55,000 as the amount for mission support which is used by the Delaware-Maryland Synod as well as the church-wide expression of the ELCA. An amount equal to 1/12 of the total will be sent monthly. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

A motion to name Dave Monka to the building committee and Charles Crown to the Board of Trustees for Shepherd's Staff was made; seconded; and passed unanimously.

A motion to name Pastor Kevin and Donna Kent as delegates to Carroll Lutheran School was made; seconded and passed unanimously.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted:

Donna Kent, Council Secretary