

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL OF
GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Meeting Held on November 16, 2015**

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Kathy Rehak, Patt Patterson Jones

Guests

Caroline Brocato

Opening of Meeting

President Ron Fairchild opened the meeting promptly at 7:00 pm. Don Ludwig led devotions with the question, "Where do we meet Jesus."

Meeting Agenda and Approval of Minutes

The agenda was modified moving the 2016 budget discussion to first order of business. The motion was made to adopt the amended agenda and passed unanimously. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

President's Report

In preparation for the upcoming Stewardship Sunday, Ron asked Council members to participate. Council leadership is important in building buy-in and support among members of the congregation.

Pastors' Report

A motion to accept into membership the current New Members Class, consisting of Bernadette Gray, Roy Landis, Richard Kent, Christine Melville, Rodney Davis, Stephen Blades, Nancy Brody, Kristina Dennsteadt and James Dennsteadt. The motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bill Comegna distributed the financial reports. Discussion centered on the deficit of \$118,000. This will be a topic of discussion at the upcoming congregational meeting.

The financial statements audit review for years 2013 and 2014 have been completed.

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made; seconded and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Property

The elevator is still not working. The oil tank work should be done the first week of December. The ventilation work in the attic has been started.

Risk Management

This committee has had their initial meeting with Don Meyers serving as chair. The next meeting will be in January and will probably meet quarterly.

Christian Education

Carrie Oddis reported that the annual Sunday School program would be held during the 9:00 worship service on December 13, 2015.

Stephen Ministry

The Stephen Ministry group would like to meet with the council. The group is in a rebuilding phase. The next training class will be for 7-9 people. At the December 6 All Grace service a new leader, Kathy Bare, will be installed

Prayers of the Church

Prayers of the church were given by Rich Chaney and Pastor Kevin.

New Business

A motion to approve the slate of nominees for Congregation Council (Kari Ebeling, Arthur Pease along with current members Kevin Dayhoff, Donna Kent and Brian Sherfey) The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the slate of nominees for the 2016 Synod Assembly was made to include: Kara Schuster, youth representative, Rich Schuster, Arthur Pease, Ron Fairchild, Rachel Fairchild, Michelle Krichinsky, Beth Clementson, Leanne Elliott, Laura Heller and Jan Mickey. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

New prayer partners were assigned and we met for approximately 10-15 minutes.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Donna Kent, Council Secretary