

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL OF
GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Meeting Held on December 21, 2015**

Members Present

Ron Fairchild, Rev. Martha Clementson, Rev. Kevin Clementson, Donna Kent, Don Meyers, Kari Ebeling, Linwood Van Horn, Rich Chaney, Bill Comegna, Kevin Dayhoff, Jan Mickey, Brian Sherfey, Jo Monka, Bob Lichtfuss, Arthur Pease

Members Absent

Carrie Oddis, Patt Patterson Jones

Opening of Meeting

President Ron Fairchild opened the meeting promptly at 7:00 pm. Donna Kent led devotions with, "The Santa Suit."

Meeting Agenda and Approval of Minutes

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

President's Report

President Fairchild welcomed our newest members, Kari Ebeling and Arthur Pease. The slate of proposed officers coming from the executive committee was presented: Ron Fairchild, President; Bob Lichtfuss, Vice President; Bill Comegna, Treasurer; Donna Kent, Secretary. No further nominations were forthcoming and nominations were closed. The slate of officers was elected to serve for the coming year.

Ron thanked Don Meyers who has served as Vice President of two years for his dedication and hard work. Ron also told the council he has received a thank you note from Mrs. Whitson who resides in Carroll Lutheran Village.

January 10, 2016 is the date set for council installation. Council members are encouraged to attend both services in order for the congregation to see the leadership of the church.

Pastors' Report

Pastor Martha brought a motion forward from the Adult Education Committee to purchase a labyrinth for our use. Previously a labyrinth was borrowed from another church. The purchase price would be approximately \$2900. To date \$1800 represents memorial contributions from the passing of Mike Button and an additional \$500 saved from the Adult Ed budgets. The remaining monies will

hopefully come from additional money from individuals. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bill Comegna distributed the financial reports. The deficit of \$118,000 has now been reduced to \$107,603. November was a pretty good month and December seems to be strong so far.

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

Committee Reports

Social Ministry

Tim Stanton is the new committee chair for the Social Ministry Committee.

Prayers of the Church

Prayers of the church were given by Ron Fairchild, Bob Lichtfuss and Pastor Martha.

New Business

The Pastors distributed a document entitled, "Goals and Vision for Ministry in 2016." This was compiled by the Pastors and in conjunction with the leadership events of the past year a draft was proposed and discussed. Members thought this was an important step and gives us a road map for possible growth in ministry.

Met with prayer partners for approximately 10-15 minutes. New prayer partners will be given next month.

Announcements

Pastor Marth passed around a Christmas card from the church renovation designer indicating that our sanctuary was an award winner.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted:

Donna Kent, Council Secretary