

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL OF
GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Meeting Held on January 18, 2016**

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Rev. Kevin Clementson, Jo Monka

Opening of Meeting

President Ron Fairchild opened the meeting promptly at 7:00 pm. Rich Chaney led devotions.

Meeting Agenda and Approval of Minutes

The agenda was adopted and the minutes were approved.

President's Report

President Fairchild distributed the list of committee assignments in order to have all committees covered with a council liaison. This was also an opportunity to change committees if you wanted to explore other areas.

Ron passed around a sign-up sheet for the council's turn preparing the Lenten soup meal on February 17. We are responsible not only for the various soups but also the bread, desserts and of course set-up and clean-up.

Ron also requested our attendance at the Leadership Retreat being held on Saturday, January 30, 2016 and another sign-up sheet was passed around.

Pastors' Report

Pastor Martha explained the candle we keep lighted in the center of our room representing Christ has been left burning twice. This candle purchased by Pastor Martha was made by Haitian women as a means of support for their families. We will all try to be more observant of the candle being extinguished.

The movie night was very successful with approximately 50 people attending and the donations of \$249 will be sent to ELCA Good Gifts.

Treasurer's Report

Bill informed the council of thanks from the money counters for the luncheon held last week.

Treasurer Bill Comegna distributed the financial reports. The deficit for the year was reduced to \$65,827. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made; seconded and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Risk Management

Don Meyers reported that this committee held their second meeting and another meeting is planned.

Adult Education

Pastor Martha reported that the Adult Education committee has ordered the labyrinth.

Kitchen Renovation

This committee will hold a meeting the last Tuesday in January with any interested members who came to the original meeting.

Prayers of the Church

Prayers of the church were given by Patt Patterson Jones, Don Meyers and Pastor Martha.

New Business

Pastor Martha brought forward a motion to issue a Letter of Call for Deacon Giles. The motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

A motion to use money collected during the Lenten meals toward the kitchen renovation. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Met with new prayer partners for approximately 10-15 minutes.

Announcements

None

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted:

Donna Kent, Council Secretary