



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

Rm 108, 21 Carroll St., Westminster, MD 21157

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Meeting held on Monday, June 20, 2016

Members Present: Rev. Martha Clementson, Rev. Kevin Clementson, Linwood Van Horn, Rich Chaney, Treasurer Bill Comegna, Bob Lichtfuss, Arthur Pease, Kevin Dayhoff, Patt Patterson Jones, Jan Mickey, Jo Monka, Kari Ebeling,

Members Absent: Council President Ron Fairchild, Don Meyers, Brian Sherfey, Carrie Oddis, and Donna Kent.

Call to Order: Vice President Bob Lichtfuss opened the meeting promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Devotions: Kevin Dayhoff led us in devotions with a prayer in remembrance of those killed in the shooting at a gay nightclub in Orlando Florida on June 12, 2016, in which 49 club-goers were killed and at least 53 people were injured.

Meeting Agenda and Approval of Minutes: The June 20, 2016 meeting agenda was adopted.

A motion was made by Kari Ebeling and seconded to approve the minutes of the prior meeting on May 16, 2016. The motion was carried.

Vice President Bob Lichtfuss' report: Ron Fairchild and his family are on vacation.

This past Sat. June 18, 2016, a number of the members of the church council, and congregation attended an interfaith community vigil in remembrance of those that died in the Orlando, Florida, gay nightclub shooting at Belle Grove Square. Pastors Martha and Kevin participated and provided leadership in the event.

Pastors' Report

New Bishop.... Bishop-elect The Rev. William J. Gohl Jr. has asked Pastor Martha to be on a transition team. Rev. Gohl was elected June 4, 2016 to a six-year term as bishop of the Delaware-Maryland Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA.) The election was held during the Synod Assembly June 2-4, 2016 at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center in Ocean City, Md. Rev. Gohl was elected on the fifth ballot with 227 votes to 225 votes

for Rev. Wolfgang Herz-Lane, the current bishop of the synod. Bishop Herz-Lane, who was elected in 2010, served one term as bishop. Rev. Gohl is a graduate of Gettysburg College and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.

In the near future, Synod Vice President John Auger will be visiting Grace to discuss a synod capital campaign.

A motion was made by Patt Patterson Jones, seconded by Jo Monka, and passed to establish a committee to plan anniversary activities in 2017 for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and the 150th anniversary of Grace Evangelic Lutheran Church. The ELCA recognizes the date of incorporation of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church to be September 20, 1867.

Personnel matters were discussed.

It was noted that Nancy Crosten Milliken, age 60 passed away on June 19, 2016 – from Alzheimer's disease. Her husband, Geary K. Milliken, an administrator of Carroll Lutheran Village requested to have his wife's funeral take place at Grace Sat. June 25, 2016, at noon. Visitation is from 10-12 noon. It will be a big funeral and help may be needed to coordinate the event.

Treasurer's Report by Bill Comegna

After the treasurer's report the following motions, made by the finance committee, were discussed pertaining to certain bookkeeping adjustments.

Motion one was to adjust certain negative balances on the balance sheet. The purpose was a non-substantive bookkeeping correction and adjustment to eliminate negative balances in the following accounts: 1210-37 - T-Endowment Interest Fund; 1210-53 – D-Stoner Local Benevolent Fund; 1210-71 – U-Investment Fund. These funds are to be zeroed out by first transferring the balances in the following accounts: 1210-52 – D-Organ Fund; 1210-55 – D-Endowment Fund; 1210-50 - Council Designated A/Cs – Other. After some discussion, the motion was passed.

Motion two was entertained to establish a new account to track the surplus or deficit pertaining to debt reduction by populating the account with the current year-to-date surplus in debt reduction for the year 2016 found in account 1210-99 - Unallocated Invest A/C Activity. And to post any future surpluses or deficits in debt reduction to this new account on a monthly basis after the mortgage payment is made. After some discussion, the motion was passed.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to refer the treasurer's report to the audit committee.

Other Committee Reports

Pastor Martha reported that the adult education committee has been hard at work.

Arthur Pease gave a brief fellowship committee report.

The annual Grace church picnic will take place this year on July 17, 2016 at noon.

On August 12, 2016 Grace church will go to a Frederick Keys baseball game.

Prayers of the Church were led by Bob Lichtfuss and Pastor Kevin

Under Announcements Linwood Van Horn provided a brief overview of the upcoming mission trip in the week ending on June 25, 2016, to work in the community of Bon Secours, with an organization called Clean and Green and a couple of Urban Farmers to make a difference within the neighborhood of West Baltimore. Grace is scheduled to help build a "Hoop House"; a low cost greenhouse that can provide fresh vegetables to people living in a 'food desert.'

8:30 PM Adjourn with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted: Kevin E. Dayhoff, substitute council secretary for Donna Kent

Our Mission: Gifted with God's grace, redeemed by God's Son, and filled with the Holy Spirit, we grow in our relationship with God, one another, and community. Through word and sacrament, we gather to worship, learn, and go into the world empowered to serve.

Council members:

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