

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

Meeting Held on October 17, 2016

Members Present

Ron Fairchild, Rev. Martha Clementson, Rev. Kevin Clementson, Rich Chaney, Don Meyers, Patt Patterson Jones, Carrie Oddis, Jan Mickey, Bill Comegna, Bob Lichtfuss, Jo Monka, Brian Sherfey, Arthur Pease

Members Absent

Linwood Van Horn, Kevin Dayhoff, Donna Kent, Kari Ebeling

Opening of Meeting

President Ron Fairchild opened the meeting promptly at 7:00pm. Pastor Kevin started the meeting with prayer.

Meeting Agenda and approval of Minutes

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

Ad Hoc Kitchen Renovation Committee Update

Christy Vadder provided an update to Council on the work of the committee. The designer is in the final stages of developing the specifications for the project. They are hoping to get three bids from potential contracts to give us a better idea on cost. She hopes to update Council by the end of the year.

Presidents Report

Ron Fairchild shared a thank you note from Paul and Connie Whitson for the support given to Pastor and Mrs. Whitson over many years.

Ron also shared a note from the DE-MD Synod in prayer and support of Grace during our current plumbing difficulties.

Pastor Kevin updated council on the progress of the plumbing repairs and the estimated costs associated with it. The invoice cost will be approximately \$63,000. Grace will need to pay \$6,500.00 deductible. There is an additional \$4,000.00 to find and repair break, he is not sure if insurance will cover this cost. Pastor Keven commended Ron Wentz and Marion Shipley's diligence in monitoring the project costs.

An appeal for financial contributions was made to the congregation to help support the cost of repairs and ongoing deficit. As of today, \$26,416.00 has been graciously given to address this issue. Several members of Council expressed thanks for the congregation's generous response to the effort.

Pastors Report

Pastor Martha announced that Christmas Day and New Year's Day will be All Grace services at 10am in the sanctuary.

Pastor Kevin shared that Ron Fairchild has been asked to lead a task team charged with making recommendations for how to restructure the Maryland-Delaware Synod's staffing, structure, programs, and functions.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Comegna passed out updated financial reports. He noted that the deficit has increased this month due to expenses associated with plumbing repair.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

Prayers of the Church

Prayers of the church were given by Bill Comegna, Bob Lichtfuss, and Pastor Martha.

New Business

Ron reviewed preliminary recommendations for the Council's portion of the 2017 budget. It was recommended that the amount budgeted for workers compensation insurance and fire liability insurance be increased from 2016 budget. Bill will check with Dave Bollinger to see if he can give us an estimate for how much the increase should be.

There was a discussion about taking the support for Carroll Lutheran School and Carroll Lutheran Village out of the Council's budget and transferring it to the portion of the budget focused on Social Ministry.

A motion was made by Jan Mickey to approve the proposed changes to the 2017 Council budget. The motion was second by Arthur Pease and approved by council.

Announcements

Pastor Martha shared the gifts council will present to Beth Clementson and Don Myers at their ordination/consecration service on October 23.

Ron encouraged everyone to look for opportunities to say thank you to the staff for everything they do for Grace.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted: Johanna Monka, substitute for Donna Kent, council secretary.