



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

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<http://gracelc.org/about-us/council/meeting-minutes/>

Meeting held on Monday, August 21, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Members Present

Rev. Martha Clementson, Co-Senior Pastor, Rev. Kevin Clementson, Co-Senior Pastor, Bill Comegna, Bob Lichtfuss, Ron Fairchild, Linwood Van Horn, Kevin Dayhoff, Jan Mickey, Robin Hoff Skrtic, Patt Patterson Jones, Rich Chaney, and Ginger Myers.

Members Absent: Kari Ebeling, Arthur Pease, Don Meyers, Brian Sherfey, and Johanna Monka.

Call to order - Opening of Meeting: President Bob Lichtfuss called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Devotions of the church were led by Kevin Dayhoff. He referred to a recent article on the website, "iBelieve.com." The article was written by Joe McKeever and the title of the article was "[10 Signs Your Church is Unhealthy](#)." Only, Dayhoff turned the article around so that the discussion was positive about what we do well at Grace.

Approve Minutes & Adopt Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes and adopt the agenda.

President's Report by Bob Lichtfuss. He reported that Kari Ebeling has resigned from the church council due to changes in her work schedule. This was followed by a brief discussion as to how much we appreciated Kari's service to the council at Grace.

It was moved and seconded that council enter into an executive session. The motion passed at 7:10 p.m. The council exited executive session at 7:38 p.m.

Pastors' Report: Pastor Kevin reported that he may be asked by the synod leadership to help with some synod reorganization initiatives.

Pastor Martha reported that Rally Day is September 9th and 10th, 2017.

Treasurer's Report by Bill Comegna. Bill reported steady progress on the church finances.

Bill shared an idea that council prepare, a "Special Appeal from Council," in which the council explained to the congregation the church's current financial position and the steps being taken to refinance the mortgage next year.

Kevin Dayhoff brought up the idea of doing some additional follow-up to aggregate the 'mission moments' that have been presented periodically during the church services, for future publication.

Prayers of the Church were led by Ginger Myers, Bob Lichtfuss, and Pastor Kevin.

Ginger Myers prefaced her prayers by sharing that she and her family recently had an opportunity to visit The Walters Art Museum exhibit on the 500th anniversary of the Reformation – [“Uncertain Times: Martin Luther’s Remedies for the Soul.”](#) 600 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD, 410-547-9000, Sunday, August 6, 2017–Sunday, October 29, 2017, 10:00 AM–05:00 PM. (Also see: [“500 years after Protestant Reformation, Walters museum looks at human side of Martin Luther.”](#))

Committee Reports

Patt Patterson Jones, on behalf of the evangelism committee, reported that the picnic for new members held at the Trinity Lutheran Church was well received.

Pastor Kevin reported that the congregational picnic went well.

Bob Lichtfuss said the Boomer’s crab feed recently held at Evelyn Babylon’s house was well attended.

Pastor Martha gave us a brief report on the planning for the 150th anniversary of the church.

Rich Chaney had questions about the church census that was reported in the annual directory report. The pastors indicated they would check with the parish associate responsible for preparing the roster and report back to council.

New Business – none.

Announcements – none.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Kevin E. Dayhoff, Grace Lutheran Church Council secretary.

Looking Ahead: Our next meeting will be held on September 18th with Johanna having devotions and Patt, Robin, and the Pastor(s) leading the Prayers of the Church.

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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.