

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Meeting Minutes – Special Congregational Meeting
Sunday, March 18, 2012, 12:45 PM, Hope Hall

I. OPENING ITEMS

A. OPENING PRAYER

1. Pastor Chris opened the meeting in prayer.

B. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ADOPT AGENDA

1. Council President Carole Ryan called the meeting to order at 12:45 PM.
2. Motion was presented to adopt the agenda; motion seconded and approved.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. STATEMENT OF AFFILIATION AND NEW BYLAWS

1. Rachel Zippwald explained the purpose for the Statement of Intent and New Bylaws.
 - a. One of the primary objectives for revising the documents was to fulfill our obligation to the NALC and bring our governing documents in line with their requirements. As such, all references to and requirements specific to the ELCA were removed from the Bylaws and the Statement of Affiliation and Intent and we adopted language the NALC requires
 - b. Another primary objective in revising the governing documents was to streamline them, and this is where most of the work of revising the documents occurred. There were several sections in both the Bylaws and the Constitution which, for reasons of content and/or function, were pulled from one document and inserted into the other. Any duplicate sections between the two documents were identified and placed into whichever document was the best fit for the topic.
2. Motion, Discussion and Vote
 - a. Motion was presented and seconded: To approve replacing the existing Church Constitution with the Statement of Affiliation and Intent and to replace the existing set of Bylaws with the proposed set.
 - b. Discussion from the Congregation
 - c. Motion was made to call for the question and close discussion. Motion was seconded and carried.
 - d. Motion to approve replacing the existing Church Constitution and Bylaws was approved.

III. CLOSING

A. CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

1. Pastor Chris closed the meeting in prayer; a motion was presented to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded and approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine McGraw
Church Council Secretary