

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Meeting Minutes – Annual Congregational Meeting
June 10, 2012, 12:00 PM

NOTE: Annual Congregational Meeting minutes will be approved by a vote of the congregation at the next annual meeting that will be held in June of 2013.

I. OPENING ITEMS

A. OPENING PRAYER

1. Carole Ryan opened the meeting in prayer.

B. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ADOPT AGENDA

1. Carole Ryan called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM.
2. Motion was presented to adopt the agenda; motion seconded and approved.

C. APPROVE MINUTES

1. Motion was presented to adopt congregational meeting minutes from the annual congregational meeting on June 5, 2011 and from the special congregational meeting minutes on January 29, 2012 and March 18, 2012. Motion was seconded and approved.

D. STATEMENT OF AFFILIATION AND INTENT

1. Motion was presented and seconded to adopt our Statement of Affiliation and Intent.
 - a. A second and final vote at our annual meeting is required to officially replace our Constitution with the Statement of Affiliation and Intent.
2. Motion to adopt our Statement of Affiliation and Intent was approved.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Rachel Zippwald presented the annual treasurer's report outlining the current financial position for the church's operating accounts and Grace Lutheran School.
 - a. The church and school have both been faced with financial challenges this year. Expenses have been watched very carefully at both sites and cuts made when needed.
 - 1.) The Council anticipates that the church will finish the year with a loss; The church budget anticipates actual income in the amount of \$1,118,329.00 from benevolences and program income; expenses for ministry programs and staff/administrative expenses are anticipated to be \$1,132,471.00 for an annual net income of \$(14,142.00), including interest and depreciation added and real estate loan payments deducted.
 - 2.) The school administration anticipates that the school will finish the year with a loss; The school budget anticipates actual income in the amount of \$2,798,280.00 from tuition, program income and donations; expenses for programs and staff/administrative expenses are anticipated to be \$2,818,122.00 for an annual net income of \$(17,879.00).

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF BUDGETS

1. Rachel Zippwald presented the budgets for the church and the school.
 - a. The church budget for the coming year anticipates income in the amount of \$984,610.00 from benevolences and program income; expenses for ministry programs and staff/administrative expenses are budgeted at \$984,387.00 for an annual net income of \$223.00.

- b. The school budget anticipates income in the amount of \$2,280,455.00 from tuition, donations and program income; expenses are budgeted in the amount of \$2,240,588.00 for an annual net income of \$39,867.00
2. After brief discussion, a motion was presented to accept the church and school budgets; motion was seconded and approved.

B. RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Rachel Zippwald introduced Vicki Braddock and Bob Eggink as retiring Elders and thanked them for their service to the team. The remaining team members were asked to stand and acknowledged as well.

C. ELECTION OF ELDERS

1. Pastor Chris presented the following people to the congregation as to serve on as Elders for 2012/2013:
 - a. Carole Ryan - President
 - b. Christine McGraw – Secretary/Worship
2. Due to the amount of “no” answers received by the nominating team, the team ran out of time to find nominees for Council ratification before the Annual Meeting.
3. An additional Elder position opened up unexpectedly, meaning that the nominating team will now be looking for two candidates.
4. Council will call a Special Congregational meeting in the fall to elect Elders to the two vacant positions.
5. A motion was presented to accept the two Elder nominees; motion was seconded and approved.

III. CLOSING

A. CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

1. Pastor Chris closed the meeting in prayer and adjourned the meeting at 12:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine McGraw
Council Secretary

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