

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Meeting Minutes – Annual Congregational Meeting
June 23, 2019 11:15 AM



I. OPENING ITEMS

A. OPENING PRAYER

1. Pastor Chris Tweitmann opened the meeting in prayer.

B. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ADOPT AGENDA

1. Council President Marlin Golnitz called the meeting to order at 11:15 AM.
2. Motion was presented to adopt the agenda; motion seconded and approved.

C. APPROVE MINUTES

1. Motion was presented by Council Secretary Carole Ryan to approve congregational meeting minutes from the annual congregational meeting on June 24, 2018 and the special congregational meeting on February 17, 2019. Motion was seconded and approved.

D. TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Council Treasurer Chris Toland presented the annual treasurer's report outlining the current financial position for Grace Lutheran Church, Grace Lutheran School and Orange County Care Connections.
 - a. The complete treasurer's report is attached.
 - b. Motion was presented to approve the treasurers report. Motion was seconded and approved.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF BUDGETS

1. Chris Toland presented the following budgets for congregational approval:
 - Church budget 7/1/19 – 9/30/19 (3 months)
 - Care Connections budget 7/1/19 – 6/30/20 (complete fiscal year)
 - School budget 7/1/19 – 9/30/19 (3 months)
 - a. Proposed budget breakdowns for the church, school and Care Connections are attached.
2. Chris Toland explained that due to the new partnership with Brethren Christian High School, who will be sharing the church campus, as well as contributing to the school finances, it is difficult to project the new income and expense numbers at this time. Council recommended approving a 3-month budget for both the church and school and approving the remainder of the fiscal year at a congregational meeting in September.
3. A motion was presented to accept the church, school and Care Connections budgets; motion was seconded and approved.

B. RECOGNITION OF NOMINATING TEAM

1. Marlin Golnitz acknowledged nominating team members Dori Hauptman, Lucia Hunter, Craig Poturalski, Sherry Toland and Pete Young and thanked them for their service.

C. RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Marlin Golnitz acknowledged Bob Vouga as a retiring Elder and thanked him for his service to the council.

D. ELECTION OF ELDERS

1. Marlin Golnitz presented the following people to the congregation to serve as Elders for 2019/2020:
 - a. Christine McGraw (second term)
 - b. Carole Ryan (second term)
 - c. Valerie Wiegman (first term)
2. A motion was presented to accept the three Elder nominees; motion was seconded and approved.

E. BRETHERN CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

1. Marlin Golnitz and Pastor Chris gave a presentation about the school move project. They gave the background, current status and the plan moving forward. Power point presentation is attached.

F. CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

1. Marlin Golnitz gave a presentation regarding the current status of the capital campaign. He explained that the church is planning to seek a construction loan in order to begin work on the project list. The loan would be paid back as pledge donations are received. Christine McGraw has been in contact with Thrivent and has begun the loan application process with them. Power point presentation is attached.

G. VOTE TO ACQUIRE A CONSTRUCTION LOAN

Motion: To secure a construction loan as a line of credit.

Motion was Seconded

Discussion: The amount of the loan will not exceed the difference between the amount of the pledges and the cash on hand.

Amended Motion: To secure a construction loan as a line of credit, not to exceed \$625,000.

Discussion: It was noted that the funds will be borrowed from the credit line as needed. We are not obligated to take out the full amount of the loan. Interest is paid only on the portion that is borrowed at any given time.

Vote: Motion was approved

III. CLOSING

A. CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

1. Pastor Chris closed the meeting in prayer and adjourned the meeting at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betty Wardle
Clerk of the Council

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 2020.