

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation
The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago
February 13, 2011**

The 141st Annual Meeting of the Congregation of the Fourth Presbyterian Church was convened by the Moderator, the Rev. Dr. John Buchanan, at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, February 13, 2011 in the sanctuary of the Fourth Presbyterian Church. Dr. Buchanan opened the meeting with prayer.

Report of the Clerk of Session

Sam Evans, Clerk of Session, determined that a quorum was present.

Mr. Evans announced that the minutes of the 140th Annual Meeting of the Congregation, held on February 21, 2010, were available for review in the church office. A motion was made, seconded and **adopted** to approve the minutes of the 140th Annual Congregational Meeting of Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago.

The Moderator called on Elder Linda Crane of the Nominating Committee to present the committee's report.

Nominating Committee Report

Ms. Crane summarized the committee's process and thanked members for their service.

Ms. Crane presented the following candidates for election as Elders:

Class of 2014

Rick Bogaard	Maggie Lewis
Irene Bumpus	Barlow Nelson
Ted Davis	Rebecca Nilsson
Rebecca Dixon	Ken Ohr
Christian Freberg	Les Ventsch
Marilee Hopkins	Anamaria Volkober (Youth, 1 year term)
Arnie Lenters	

The Moderator asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, a motion was made, seconded and **adopted** to elect the candidates as Elders.

Ms. Crane presented the slate of candidates for election to the Board of Deacons:

Class of 2014

Ruth Beckman	Keith Ikard
Maddy Campion (youth, 1 year term)	Michele Lee
Lola Coke	Patty Lenters
Jim Dore	Janet Love
Jennifer Ebie	Mark Meyer
Vince Geckler	Robin Moncrieff
Ken Hazlett	Chris Pieper (youth, 1 year term)
Chris Horsman	Robert Ryder
Louis Houkal	Anne Stelle

The Moderator asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, a motion was made, seconded and **approved** to elect the candidates to the Board of Deacons.

Ms. Crane presented the following candidates to represent the congregation as members-at-large of the 2011 Nominating Committee:

Mark Agerton	Ed Miller
John R. Buchanan	Janet Reed
Ranjan Daniels	Stephanette Walker
Debbie Frisch	

The Moderator asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, a motion was made, seconded and **approved** to elect the members-at-large of the 2011 Nominating Committee.

The Moderator welcomed all candidates elected to their offices for the coming term.

Recognition of the Chicago Lights Board

The Moderator called on the Reverend Victoria Curtiss, Executive Director of Chicago Lights, who stated the nomination of the following individuals to the Chicago Lights Board of Directors had been approved by the Chicago Lights Board and Session the week of February 6, 2011:

Class of 2014:

Emily Bradley
Gwen Jackson
Carol Lobbes
Missy MacLeod

Ann Mellott

Class of 2012:

Gary Beckman
Ted Davis

Ms. Curtiss then recognized the efforts of outgoing Board members Jean Ban, Francee Harrington, Alison Thomas and Allison Youngblood.

The Moderator asked for a motion to recess the Meeting of the Congregation to convene a meeting of the Corporation. A motion was made, seconded, and **approved**.

Meeting of the Corporation

Douglas Grissom, President of the Board of Trustees, convened the meeting of the Corporation. A motion to approve the minutes of the annual meeting of the corporation held on February 21, 2010 was made, seconded, and **approved**. Church Treasurer Marilee Hopkins reviewed the 2010 financial report and 2011 budget. Mr. Grissom thanked Ms. Hopkins for her ongoing oversight of church finances, Rob Holben, Director of Business Administration for keeping expenditures down and Marty Sherrod, Director of Resource Development and Communications for coordinating fundraising initiatives.

Ms. Crane was invited to report on behalf of the Nominating Committee and placed in nomination the following persons for the Board of Trustees:

Class of 2014

Ed Gourley
Patsy Habicht
Elizabeth Hurley
Arthur Martin

Ginger Pillman
Beth Truett
Anne Voshel

Mr. Grissom asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, a motion to close the nominations and elect the present slate was made, seconded, and **adopted**.

Mr. Grissom asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Corporation and reconvene the meeting of the Congregation. A motion was made, seconded, and **adopted**. The meeting of the Corporation was adjourned.

Moderator John Buchanan reconvened the meeting of the Congregation of Fourth Presbyterian Church, and called on Elder Beth Davis for a report on Project Second Century.

Report on Project Second Century: Called to Love and Serve

Ms. Davis, Chair of the P2C Steering Committee, commented on the progress made toward the church's new building project. She highlighted the work of P2C Committees chaired by Doug Grissom and Maggie Lewis, resourced by staff members Rob Holben and Marty Sherrod, and supported by project consultants - US Equities, Gensler, and Turner Construction. She stated that the upfront work of planning and preparing is close to being finished but the path to completion is complex and demanding. Difficult decisions have to be made, important projects deferred, significant fundraising done in a concentrated period of time to meet The Griffin Challenge. She looked ahead to a year from now when there will be the "bones of a new, elegant copper clad structure" and eight months later, the building's completion as we "live into a second century as full and life changing as the first."

Report of the Personnel Committee

Elder Marc Miller expressed gratitude to John Buchanan for his leadership and vision as Senior Pastor for the past 26 years and to Calum MacLeod as Executive Associate Pastor for his strong and steady staff leadership. He summarized the work of the Personnel Committee: midyear and annual reviews, preparing for John Buchanan's retirement in 2012, guiding ministerial staff changes-the resignation of Ali Trowbridge as Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, commissioning an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee to fill the position, and welcoming Sarah Johnson to the position in the interim; welcoming Pastoral Residents Kerri Allen and Matt Helms, and having the assistance of Jo Preuninger who served as Director of Evangelism during Linda Loving's medical leave. Mr. Miller noted staff anniversaries and introduced the house staff, who received particular thanks for their work from the congregation.

Pastor's Report

Moderator Buchanan reflected on 26 years of ministry at Fourth Presbyterian Church, expressed appreciation to the pastors who preceded him: John Timothy Stone, Harrison Ray Anderson and Elam Davies, and to the members of the congregation for the privilege and joy to serve as Pastor as Fourth Presbyterian Church approaches its 2nd Century of worship, witness and mission. He stated, "All the growth both in numbers and in mission has happened because this church knows what it is here for" and "leadership continues to push us into a more expansive and more faithful future," for which he expressed deep gratitude. He thanked the staff, with varied skills and a common commitment to Jesus Christ and the church. He expressed particular thanks to the Building and Facilities Manager, Leszek Pytka, stating, "Leszek and I are a team – we both came to work here in the fall of 1985 and I don't know anyone who loves Fourth Presbyterian Church more than Leszek." He enumerated Mr. Pytka's accomplishments, presented him with a gift and the congregation gave him a standing ovation. Moderator Buchanan closed with an overview of Fourth Church history, acknowledging that on February 21, 1911 church leaders were approving a new building at a congregational meeting, and that 100 years later we are at the beginning of another great adventure, expecting great things as we attempt great things to glorify God.

The Moderator asked for any comments, questions, unfinished or new business. The Rev. Calum MacLeod expressed profound thanks to John and Sue Buchanan and their family for their strong and faithful service for the past 26 years. The congregation gave the Buchanans a standing ovation.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and **adopted** to adjourn the meeting, which was closed at 1:00 p.m. with the singing of "Startle Us, God" and with prayer led by the Rev. MacLeod.

Respectfully submitted,



Sam Evans, Clerk of Session



John Buchanan, Moderator