

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation  
The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago  
February 12, 2012**

The 142<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Congregation of the Fourth Presbyterian Church was convened by the Moderator, the Rev. Calum I. MacLeod, at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, February 12, 2012 in the sanctuary of the Fourth Presbyterian Church. Mr. MacLeod 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 141<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Congregation, held on February 13, 2011, were available for review by calling the Pastor's Office. A motion was made, seconded and **adopted** to approve the minutes of the 141<sup>st</sup> Annual Congregational Meeting of Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago.

The Moderator called on Elder Melanie Oh Pierce, Chair of the Nominating Committee, to present the committee's report.

**Nominating Committee Report**

Ms. Pierce summarized the committee's process and thanked members for their service. She then presented the following candidates for election as Elders:

<u>Class of 2015</u>	Joe Jeffery
Kathi Bates	Bev Pace
Ron Bottrell	Brad Pierce
Martha Brown	Arlene Raine
Rachael Cohen (Youth, 1 year term)	Gary Rayl
June Dorn	Rick Sabol
Ellen Gignilliat	Ken Walker

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

<u>Class of 2015</u>	Daniel Miller
Joe Aguanno	Tom Minoff
Darein Burton	Ruth Mortensen
Elena Carbajal-Gaule	Don Nelson
Lola Coke (2-year term)	Emma Richardson (Youth, 1 year term)
Michael DeVries	Ellen Schaller
Ellen Ericson	Jen Schutt
Liam Garner (Youth, 1 year term)	Jeff Smith
Katie Hopkins	Nancy Stevenson Greenberg
Mak Kingan	Leslie Wainwright

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. Pierce presented the following candidates to represent the congregation as members-at-large of the 2012 Nominating Committee:

Larry Braskamp	Jerry Johnson
Vern Broders	Chris Ohr
Bob Day	Beverly Washington
Eloise Foster	

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 2012 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 following individuals had been elected by the Chicago Lights Board of Directors and reported to the Session as new members of the Chicago Lights Board of Directors:

<u>Class of 2015:</u>	John Shonkwiler
Gary Beckman	Bart Tretheway
Hope Daniels	Chris Pfaff
Rick Sabol	

Ms. Curtiss then recognized the efforts of outgoing Board members Ed Coke, Ted Davis, Karen Lamb, and Patsy Habicht.

The Moderator then called on Elder Beth Rizer, Chair of the Nominating Committee to propose members of the Pastor Nominating Committee, to make a report.

### **Nomination of the Pastor Nominating Committee**

Ms. Rizer reviewed the process to propose the members of the Pastor Nominating Committee. Nearly 170 nominations were received on behalf of 110 individuals. She explained the criteria for selecting the proposed committee members, who were then contacted with a job description for the significant commitment required in the months ahead. Each prospective member agreed to serve if elected. Biographical information of the nominees with their Fourth Church experience was distributed.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee commissioned by the Personnel Committee to develop a slate of members to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee, Ms. Rizer placed in nomination the following individuals:

Nicholette Andrews	Marc Miller
Juli Crabtree	Mark Nelson
Ranjan Daniels	Brad Pierce
Sam Evans	Arlene Raine
Doug Grissom	Hilary Richardson
Joan Hall	

The Moderator asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, a motion was made, seconded and **approved** unanimously to elect the slate of the Pastor Nominating Committee.

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** to do so.

### **Meeting of the Corporation**

Andrew Brickman, Vice President 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 13, 2011 was made, seconded, and **approved**. Church Treasurer Marilee Hopkins reviewed the 2011 financial report, which was distributed to the congregation. Mr. Brickman thanked Ms. Hopkins for her ongoing oversight of church finances.

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

<u>Class of 2015</u>	John Shorney
Gerald Bloomer	John Walter
Ann Kingstrom	Claudia Winkler
Mark Nelson	Allison Youngblood

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

Ms. Brickman asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Corporation and reconvene the meeting of the Congregation. A motion was made, seconded, and **approved** to do so. The meeting of the Corporation was adjourned.

The Moderator 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, thanked the members of the congregation for their generosity in supporting the building of the Gratz Center, slated for completion in October with move in scheduled for November. The Laying of the Cornerstone will occur on September 16, 2012, 100 years after the cornerstone laying for the sanctuary. Ms. Davis expressed appreciation to Fourth Church staff members Rob Holben and Marty Sherrod for their excellent work along with project partners Turner Construction and Gensler Architects, and to Ann Rehfeldt and Micah Marty for documenting the Gratz Center development on a regular basis. The feasibility study for the Chicago Avenue property and fundraising for the Elizabeth Morse challenge grant for Organ Rebuilding Project will continue. The Moderator extended his thanks to Ms. Davis for taking on a second job in her oversight of the Gratz Center development and other P2C initiatives and the congregation gave her a round of applause.

**Report on the Personnel Committee**

Elder Marc Miller, Chair of the Personnel Committee, noted staff transitions and anniversaries, and recognized the work of the members of the Personnel Committee and Transition Planning Task Team throughout the year. In particular he thanked Calum MacLeod, who continues to lead the staff through the transition. Special thanks were given to the House Staff, who received a standing ovation from the congregation.

**Remarks**

Moderator and Executive Associate Pastor Calum MacLeod stated he was grateful to the congregation for honoring John Buchanan's ministry and celebrating the Buchanans in recent months, grateful to his ministerial and lay leadership colleagues in the past year and grateful to God and hopeful for a healthy transition phase in the life of Fourth Presbyterian Church. He asked the congregation particularly to keep the Pastor Nominating Committee and the Gratz Center Planning Committee in their prayers, trusting in God and the Spirit in our midst.

The Moderator asked for any comments, questions, unfinished or new business. There being none, a motion was made, seconded and **adopted** to adjourn the meeting, which was closed at 1:00 p.m. with the singing of "The Church's One Foundation" and with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



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Sam Evans, Clerk of Session



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Calum MacLeod, Moderator