

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation  
The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago  
February 10, 2013**

The 143rd 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 10, 2013 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 142<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Congregation, held on February 12, 2012, were available for review on the website or by calling the Pastor's Office. A motion was made, seconded and **adopted** to approve the minutes of the 142<sup>nd</sup> Annual Congregational Meeting of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago.

The Moderator called on Elder Rebecca Nilsson, Chair of the Nominating Committee, to present the committee's report.

**Nominating Committee Report**

Ms. Nilsson summarized the committee's process and thanked members for their service. On behalf of the Committee, she then moved the following candidates for election as Elders:

Class of 2016

Jeanne Bishop  
John Borovicka  
David (Buster) Brown (Youth, 1 year term)  
Kristen Cochrane  
Ranjan Daniels  
Elaine Filus  
Doug Grissom  
Marsha Heizer  
Jean Marie Koon  
Claudia Learned Garfield  
Andy McGaan  
Ned Morley  
Larry Thomas

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

Ms. Nilsson moved the election of the following candidates to the Board of Deacons:

Class of 2016

Joy Anderson  
Suzanne Beckman  
Oscar Blanco  
Stephen Butler  
Ray Casey  
Craig Caudle  
Linda Crane  
Robert Crouch  
Holly McDaniel  
Risa McDonell  
Gail McEnroe  
Tim Mertzluft  
Andrew Miller Youth, 1 year term)  
Meg O'Hara

Holly O'Mara  
Richard Payne  
Jeff Smith  
Caroline Staublin (Youth, 1 year term)  
Russell Vilt

The Moderator asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, the motion to close the nominations and elect the candidates as members of the Board of Deacons was **adopted**.

Ms. Nilsson moved the election of the following candidates to represent the congregation as members-at-large of the 2013 Nominating Committee:

Dennis Canfield  
Edward Choi  
Ed Coke  
Alison Thomas  
Gretchen Wahl  
Stephanette Walker  
Katie Whitmore

The Moderator asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, the motion to close the nominations and elect the candidates as members-at-large of the 2013 Nominating Committee was **adopted**.

The Moderator welcomed all candidates elected to their offices for the coming term and thanked Ms. Nilsson, the members of the 2012 Nominating Committee and the Rev. Hardy Kim as staff for their work.

#### **Recognition of the Chicago Lights Board**

The Moderator called on Stacy Jackson, Executive Director of Chicago Lights, who stated she looks forward to electing new members of the Chicago Lights Board of Directors at their meeting in April. She also thanked the members of the Board whose terms will expire this spring:

Kerry Bathrick  
Julie Beringer  
Kerry Grady  
Mark Nelson  
Penelope Peterson

#### **Motion to Amend the Bylaws**

The Moderator called on Clerk of Session Sam Evans to propose the following motion to amend the bylaws:

As recommended by the Legal Affairs Committee and endorsed by the Board of Trustees, the Session of Fourth Presbyterian Church approved the following motion on May 11, 2012, to be presented to the congregation for approval:

Any action required to be taken at a meeting of the Board of Trustees or a committee of the Board of Trustees may be taken by ballot without a meeting in writing by mail, email, facsimile or other electronic means pursuant to which the members entitled to vote thereon are given the opportunity to vote for or against the proposed action, and the action receives approval by a majority of the members casting votes, or such larger number as may be required by the Affidavit of Incorporation or the bylaws, provided that the number of members casting votes would constitute a quorum if such action had been taken at a meeting.

Voting shall remain open for not fewer than five (5) days after delivery of the ballot except in the case of a removal of one or more directors, merger, consolidation, dissolution or sale, lease or exchange of assets, in which case voting shall remain open for not fewer than twenty (20) days.

The motion **carried**.

### **Motion to Sell Chicago Avenue Property**

The Moderator called again on Clerk of Session Sam Evans to propose the following motion regarding the sale of the church's Chicago Avenue Property:

By recommendation of the Session on January 11, 2013, and as previously approved by the Board of Trustees on January 10, 2013, the following motion is being presented to the Congregation of Fourth Presbyterian Church:

That the property at 444 W. Chicago Avenue be sold to the Chicago Housing Authority for \$3.2 million, with a two-year leaseback at no cost—allowing Chicago Lights Urban Farm programming to continue on that site through May 2015 while alternative sites or mission opportunities are pursued—and with the possibility of an additional two-year leaseback upon mutual agreement.

A number of questions were raised by members of the congregation and were addressed by the staff involved with the negotiations and Elder Seth Tuscher, who served as the church's sales agent.

A hand vote was taken and the motion **carried**. Mr. Tuscher was given a round of applause for his excellent work on behalf of the church.

### **Report of the Pastor Nominating Committee**

Elder Juli Crabtree and Doug Grissom reported that the Committee has reviewed applications from 200 prospective candidates and is in a quiet phase of doing further research, respecting the confidentiality of the candidates and their current positions. They asked for prayers and stated they plan to return to the congregation later in the year with a candidate for Pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church. The Pastor Nominating Committee was given a round of applause by the congregation.

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, 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 12, 2012 was made, seconded, and **approved**. Church Treasurer Marilee Hopkins reviewed the 2012 financial report and the Project Second Century Financial Summary as of 12/31/12, which were distributed to the congregation. Ms. Hopkins stated the audit would be available in June and the 2013 proposed budget will be presented to the Trustees and Session in March for approval. Mr. Brickman thanked Ms. Hopkins, Rob Holben and Marty Sherrrod for their stewardship of church finances and extended appreciation to all who support Fourth Presbyterian Church.

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

#### Class of 2016

Kerry Bathrick  
Juli Crabtree  
Drew Cupps  
Bob Doak  
Allan Kayler  
Glenn Richter  
Ken VanderWeele

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

Mr. 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 Marc Miller for a report of the Personnel Committee.

**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 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.

**Moderator Remarks**

Moderator and Executive Associate Pastor Calum MacLeod stated it was the honor of his ministry to assume the leadership of Fourth Presbyterian Church. He expressed particular thanks to the members of the Pastor Nominating Committee and the Gratz Center Planning Committee, as well as the Chicago Lights Governance Committee. In addition to opening our new building in 2012, the church undertook rebuilding the organ and continues to experience staff transitions. The Moderator thanked ministerial and program staff colleagues, giving particular thanks to Rob Holben, and expressed gratitude for the partnership this past year of the members of the extraordinary Fourth Church congregation.

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 1:15 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