

EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH of HINSDALE

Annual Meeting, February 13, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by Chairman Chad Burlet.

Pastor Jim gave a devotion.

A Service of Remembrance was led by Pastor Paul honoring the following members and friends who died since our last Annual Meeting:

Harry Priester
Jeffrey Tanner

John Wallin
Alden (Bud) Wulff

George Travers

Appointments

- Dave Holman and Joan Oney were appointed to attest to the minutes
- Sue Coons, Todd Jensen, Scott Morrow and John Blumgren were appointed as tellers.

Minutes

- It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes as submitted and attested to.

Chairman's Report – Chad Burlet

- We had several projects this year
replace bricks and mortar in the east sanctuary wall and the turret
dismantling and rebuilding the bell tower--including bell repair
- put an addition on the parsonage
- The bell tower work presented a financial challenge that necessitated our cashing in some of our National Covenant Properties CDs.

Pastor's Report – Jim Kramer

- He loves working with our congregation and church staff
- The church ministers to him as much as he to us

Pastor's Report – Paul Allen

- Gave out the 2010 Distinguished Service Award to this year's recipient, Arlene Cheff

Pastor's Report – Lars Stromberg

- He would like to be the "Chief Banner Carrier" for our youth
- Read a letter from 5 of last year's seniors to this year's youth: be faithful to youth group and each other, Lars and the youth workers are always there for you

Mortgage

- Completed the first year of a three year note with Northern Trust, our current rate is 2 ½%
- Mortgage balance is about \$640,000; Annual interest cost is about \$15,000
- Building Fund balance is \$110,000, with a net outstanding balance of \$530,000

Parsonage Remodeling – Charles Landefeld

- The parsonage addition/remodel is coming along on budget and on schedule
- We have had a lot of supplies donated
- Had some unexpected sewer work to be done
- CDROM men will be doing a lot of the finish work

Preschool – Jen Secola and Jill Rhiner

- Things are going well; enrollment is at 97
- The preschool budget goes from September through August
Results exceeded budget last year – Mainly due to Mary Seifert's efforts
- A part time music teacher was hired in January of 2011
- Enrollment is down this year
There will be no teacher raises this year; Some hours are being cut back
- The scholarship fund was used for one pre-K student last year
No one received a scholarship this year due to no applicants or known needs
There is money available for a scholarship next year
- Enrollment for 2011-12 is already at 80 and they are very encouraged

Finances – Kevin Barry (for Jim Scott)

- 2010 was an unfavorable financial year; we came in \$30,000 expenses over income
- We need to look at all of our sources of income
Our total income for 2010 was \$948,475; this includes monies for the parsonage, bell tower, building fund, etc.)
- In years past income for special events has been included in the plate giving; this will be split into 2 separate accounts in the future
- There was a request from the floor that we consider if we can help the Willands with health insurance; they will soon not be covered due to John's job loss

2011 Budget – Kevin Barry (for Jim Scott)

- **Kevin moved & Arlene Cheff seconded that we approve the proposed budget (in annual report book)**
- Chad opened the floor for discussion
The 2010 plate giving figure was used for anticipated 2011 giving
The staff salaries were reduced
Giving to the Central Conference was decreased from 5% to 4% (of plate giving)
- Other than Caring Ministry, all others have lowered their budgets for 2011 from 2010
- Arlene expressed concern that Admin may have cut their budget too much; she was specifically concerned about negotiating the reduction with the custodial company
- **The question was called; it was moved and seconded to move on to vote on the proposed budget.**
The budget passed unanimously
- Dave Holman asked that we pray that all households up their giving by 5% so we meet the proposed budget and don't have to cut back on any of our ministry.
- One person, who didn't realize the budget vote had been taken, stated that they were opposed.

Nominating Committee – Frank Peard

- Still need 2 representatives for Annual Meeting in Denver in June -
Martha Morey & John Blomgren volunteered and their names added to the ballot
- Still need 2 representatives for the Central Conference Annual Meeting in Chicago in April
No volunteers; still remains open
- **Frank moved and it was seconded that we accept the amended ballot (per above additions for Annual Meeting). The motion carried unanimously.**

The newly elected Leadership Council members (2 year terms) are bolded in the list below:

<u>Officers</u>		<u>Term Ends</u>
Chair	Chad Burlet	2013
Vice Chair	Jean Regan	2013
Secretary	Jim Bell	2013
Treasurer	Kevin Barry	2013

Ministry Leaders

Administration	Arelene Cheff	2013
Caring	Linda Noonan	2012
Education	Jennifer Secola	2012
Fellowship	Scott Morrow	2013
Outreach	Roger Johnson	2013
Worship	James Brorson	2013

At-Large

Member	Todd Jensen	2013
Member	Lynwood Larson	2013
Member	Mary Tackbary Lyons	2013

Nominating Committee (3 year term)

Member	Jade Cook	2012
Member	Joan Oney	2014
Member	Jen Peckenpaugh	2014

Mutual Ministries Committee (3 year term)

Member	Gene Beube	2014
Member	Steven Goodwin	2012
Member	Michelle Scott	2013

Denominational Meeting in Denver

John Blomgren
Martha Morey

Central Conference Meeting - 2 Representative needed

We needed to adjourn so the Jessee White Tumblers could start their program.
Reports on the 2 task forces, from Jill Rhiner and Chad Burlet, will be in the next newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Carla Erickson, Secretary

Attested to by:

Dave Holman

Joan Oney