

**Annual Congregational Meeting  
Fellowship Hall  
Sunday, January 24, 2010**

The 106<sup>th</sup> annual congregational meeting was called to order at 12:00 by President Ron Coen and followed by a brief welcome.

Pastor Paul Schroeder opened the meeting in prayer.

104 members were present—quorum required (5% of the voting members) is 30.

Reports were given by various ministry members and are as follows:

**President's Report—Ron Coen**

The report began with highlights of the year...a visit from the African Lutheran Bishop who worshipped with us as well as 2 visits from Barbara Robertson, our missionary. We also had our every member visit, the new sign, the *Believe, Teach and Preach* document and also a new vision statement and today marks the official opening of the *John and Hope Bergren Book of Life Library*. Ron also went on to outline the work that lies ahead for the 2010 Leadership Team as well as the congregation. These include staffing and calling another pastor, impacting our community through evangelism, maintaining our facilities and stewardship which directly impacts the first 3 areas. Thanks was given to Pr Paul and Pr Art for their love, support, guidance and leadership, Pat Gilman as she served as the Financial Administrator and finally to the whole congregation for the “kind of people you are” and for taking care of each other. (The full report is located in the Annual Report on page 9.)

**Mission Outreach Team—Pat Lelvis**

Pat's report began with pictures of the events MOT sponsored as well our benevolence monies at work. This included mission events such as Bishop Mameo's visit—the African Lutheran Bishop—as well as visits from Barbara Robertson, our missionary. Other highlights that MOT celebrated this past year was sending members on short term missions to China, Pakistan, Guatemala and Honduras. Allocation of the benevolence monies were distributed locally to FISH Food Bank and Empowering Life and globally to missionaries serving all over the world. Also highlighted was an invitation on March 11 to “join to the fight to end human trafficking”—contact Pat for further details. (Pat's report can be found in the Annual Report on page 20)

**Manna Ministry—Matt Misterek**

*Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith. Galatians 6:10*

This is the foundation of Manna Ministry which began last year. The first priority was to the family of PLC but was then opened to the community in conjunction with Chapel Hill, FISH food bank and St. Vincent DePaul. 13 people were

assisted (eight people either PLC members or referred by members and 5 with no ties whatsoever to PLC) and the Manna account closed 2009 with \$12,000 in its fund. Many thanks to all the members of the team, and special thanks go to Fred Simon who is the heart and soul of the team. (Manna Ministry report is located in the Annual Report on page 19)

### **Marriage Ministry—Mark and Kari Hooper**

PLC Marriage Ministry *is to empower married couples with the skills and inspiration to build rock solid marriages whereby creating healthy and strong families and strengthening the Christian Church.* Four key areas of focus are through classes on Sunday mornings in the fall and spring, the *Focus on Marriage* simulcast which will be February 27 and which brought almost 250 people on campus last February, Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekends and marriage mentoring. (The full report for Marriage Ministry is located on page 22 of the Annual Report)

### **Mission Endowment Fund—Howard Polen**

The unfortunate problem with this fund is that it seems to have died according to Howard. The fund is stuck at the \$40,000 mark and funds cannot be distributed for use until there is \$50,000 available. There are so many ways to leave a legacy to the church. For further information contact Ron Parrish or Howard Polen for assistance. (The full report for Mission Endowment Fund is located on page 8 of the Addendum)

### **Youth Ministry—Jordan Brooks, Louise Olsen, Nate Sears and the youth**

The middle school ministry continues to grow according to Jordan. The middle school road trip in August had 23 kids involved—the previous year only 8 kids went. The youth have continued to share 2 activities a month and this couldn't be done without the help of the volunteers and the parents. Another exciting milestone was the development of a logo for Middle School **LIFE** which stands for love, integrity, faith and encouragement. Jordan concluded with his goals for 2010 which include continued growth and parent involvement and a plea to the congregation for help with cleaning, painting and decorating the parish house. (The middle school report can be found in the annual report on page 15).

Louise and Nate along with 6 of the high schooler's gave a brief account of what they've been studying and what has been important to them. *"Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray."* Proverbs 22:6. (The high school report can be found on page 13 of the Annual Report)

### **Stewardship Ministry—Ginny Sims**

The 2 major highlights for the Stewardship Team were the "Freed up Financial Living" classes that were offered as well as the Project Lighthouse—every member visit. Currently 2/3's of the congregation has been visited and the final 1/3 will be visited soon. Any one interested in becoming a visitor, contact Ginny

Sims or the church office for further information. (The Stewardship Ministry report is on page 19 of the Annual Report.)

### **Care Team Ministry/Parish Nursing—Pastor Art Sortland**

Care Team will continue to visit those members requesting additional visits as a result of the Project Lighthouse. The Parish Nurses are available to visit and consult on a 1:1 confidential visit. PN will visit people in the hospital, home, nursing home or in hospice. (The Health Ministry report is on page 21 of the Annual Report).

### **Visitation—Pastor Art**

Pastor Art marvels at the history of PLC and encouraged all present to draw strength from our predecessors. They were challenged in those days just as we are today and we should gain strength from that. He will eventually retire this year but reassures members that he will be near and would be a phone call away. He will be a part of the prayers--his presence will be known in various ways. Three issues he sees as being foremost to the life of our congregation.

They are:

1. Take care of our facilities—this is God's house and should be the most beautiful.
2. Hire a full-time pastor—this is a big congregation and will only get bigger and is too big for Pr Paul and himself.
3. Set money aside and send Pr Paul on a sabbatical—it is extremely important for him physically and spiritually.

(Pr Art's full report can be read on page 7 in the Annual Report)

### **Staff—Pastor Paul Schroeder**

The staff was praised and thanked by Pastor Paul for the outstanding job they do every day. Pastor Art—a gift, Annette Plymale the director of Worship and Music and Cheri Campbell the director of operations who help with the burden of responsibility daily. (Pastor Paul's full report can be read on page 5 of the Annual Report)

This closed the Ministry Reports and the meeting was turned over to Vice President John Aune for the elections. Jon Ueland, facilitator for the Nominating Team presented the slate of names which included Monte Robinson, Ron Coen and Rich Austring each for a 3 year term. This was moved, seconded with no discussion called and unanimously approved audibly.

Jon then presented the slate of name for the 2010 Nominating Committee which includes Ginny Sims as facilitator, Hal Herzberger, Nancy Moore, Annie Brandt, Louise Olsen and Mike Hettick and Pr Paul Schroeder as convener. This was moved, seconded with no discussion called and unanimously approved audibly.

The slate of names for the Synod Assembly Delegation included Ron Coen, James Wilborn, Susan Wilborn, Sharon Grass and Kurt Grass as alternate. This was moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

**New Business:**

Georgia Herrmann asked if someone would be interested in representing Peninsula Lutheran at the Seaman's Center. Betty Hoffman was very involved in this and since her passing has left a void. If any one would be interested contact Georgia or the church office.

There was no other new business.

Pastor Paul thanked Wayne Olsen for his 6 years of service to PLC as well as to Louise and presented them with gift certificates.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Pastor Art.

The motion was made by Mark Hooper to close the meeting, seconded by Sharon Cantrell and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Langer, Secretary