

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
May 2, 2010**

**Call to Order and Announcements**

President Mary Streufert called the meeting to order in the Parish Hall at 12:18 p.m. A quorum was present. The purpose of today's meeting is to elect lay leadership for the 2010-11 year. There will also be an update on the Time for Renewal project. Pastor Larson thanked President Mary for her leadership and all members who served in elected positions this past year, as well as those being elected today.

**Devotions**

Pastor Larson opened the meeting with prayer.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes from the March 21, 2010 annual meeting. Carried unanimously.

**Elections**

Co-chair Dave Lothner reported for the Nominating Committee. He noted this is a mid-term election to fill vacant positions, as well as president and vice president, which are elected each year. Full elections are conducted in odd-numbered years. This meeting will elect president, vice president, various board members and a treasurer. He thanked committee members co-chair Vince Magnuson, Laura A. Hanson, Patti Hallback, Nels Ojard and Pastor Larson for their service. The slate of candidates was distributed (attached); Bailey Johnson was added as a nominee for the Board of Youth. Dave thanked everyone for accepting the call to serve. Everyone elected will serve a one-year term. He called for other nominations from the floor; following no response the nominations were closed. Motion was made and seconded to elect the candidates as presented; carried unanimously.

**Time for Renewal Update**

TFR chair Ted Johnson gave a brief project history: the task force was charged with the project in January 2008, the congregation approved in principle the plan and contract to build a Jaeckel organ in October 2008, the project was divided into two phases and a decision to proceed was approved in principle at the May 31, 2009 congregational meeting, and the congregation decided to proceed with Phase II at its December 2009 meeting. Phase II will link the sanctuary with an expanded Upper Commons and new entryway. Work on a new nursery started in March and is expected to be completed by mid-May.

Demolition of the old nursery and excavation will begin once the new nursery is finished. Bids are being accepted for the shelled-in space below the expanded commons so that it can become usable space in the future. Parking in the upper Superior Street lot will be significantly limited once work begins (about May 3) on the entryway/excavation. Maps of parking areas are available; there will be no entry from the upper lot after May 3. Weather permitting, the project should be completed by October 1, 2010.

Dan Jaeckel presented an update on the progress of Opus 52 (the organ). Its shell and cabinet, 8 of 10 wind chests and 5 bellows and the blower are currently being installed. Upon completion, there will be 3,800 pipes. Thirteen of the large front pipes will be installed soon and then work will continue in the background for several months.

Paula Tsufis spoke on behalf of Ann Niedringhaus regarding Challenge to Complete (the funding process). The task force has met monthly since November to identify funding strategies. Phase I has been mostly funded through pledges. Phase II funding to date includes a cash match, the Take-a-Seat program and funding for specific items (e.g., liturgical furniture) from various groups. An elected leadership campaign hopes to secure pledges from 90 percent of FLC leaders; currently 65 percent participate.

Bill Seitz, Finance Committee, explained that FLC has yet to realize \$804,000 in pledges as some extend out to 2013. FLC is paying interest only on its \$2 million line-of-credit, which has a 3.25 percent variable rate and matures in 2013. Although FLC has drawn only \$1 million from the LOC they will ask the bank to increase the total by \$500,000. Bill noted that taking out a mortgage is not in FLC's best interest at this point due to fees and a higher interest rate. To date, FLC has paid about \$20,000 in interest. Interest payments could be kept low if members choose to fulfill pledge commitments earlier than scheduled.

### **Closing and Adjournment**

President Mary thanked Scott Mellem for his four years of leadership and particularly how he helping Mary transition into her role as president. Scott was instrumental in bringing Pastor Larson to First Lutheran and converting the Annex building into Lutheran Social Services Family Center. Those present acknowledged their appreciation with applause. President Mary introduced Becky Hoversten-Mellem, elected today as vice president, and noted that all newly elected leaders will be installed next Sunday at both services.

The meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m. with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura J. Hanson  
Council Secretary