

**UNITED CHURCH OF BIG RAPIDS
CONGREGATION ANNUAL MEETING
December 13, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Alice Bandstra, Moderator of the Governing Board, declared that a quorum was present and therefore called the annual meeting of the United Church to order in the sanctuary at 10:52 a.m.
- 1.2 Moderator Alice Bandstra asked Pastor Jon to offer a prayer.
- 1.3 The Moderator explained that the By-Laws of our church require this annual meeting designated for the purpose of accepting reports from all of the Commissions and recommendations from the Nominating Committee as Elders are recommended to serve on the Governing Board. The Nominating Committee also recommends members who have agreed to serve on any of the Commissions.
- 1.4 Any other items pertinent to the congregation concerning Church practices and concerns may be handled at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 14, 2008 MINUTES

- 2.1 Luanne Rothstein made the motion, seconded by Don Stephen, that the 2008 Minutes be approved as presented. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- 3.1 Chairman of the Nominating Committee Dan Rothstein presented the report and the recommendations of the Nominating Committee for the coming year. Roger Peterson made the motion, seconded by Dan Rothstein, that the recommendations presented by the Nominating Committee be elected for the coming year. The motion carried.
- 3.2 Moderator Alice Bandstra expressed appreciation to the Nominating Committee and to all members who have served during the past year on Commissions, special committees, and as Elders on the Governing Board. She especially expressed her appreciation to the Class of 2009 who are completing their three years on the Governing Board: Wayne McKay, LaVail Hull, Jack Mitchell, Joseph Kilmer, Sherman Loken, and Anne Wortley.
- 3.3 The Moderator welcomed the new class composed of: Lee Thomas, Roger Vajda, Bruce Morgan, Gary Dunstone, and Trish McHugh.
- 3.4 Expressing her appreciation for all of the good work accomplished this year, Moderator Alice Bandstra thanked all who had worked on committees,

commissions, and the Governing Board. She urged others to volunteer for commissions and committees, stating that the work of the Church is more meaningful when members participate and work together.

- 3.5 Moderator Bandstra thanked the Treasurer, Bob Hampson; Terri Cook, Financial Secretary; Mary Jane Cook, Governing Board Clerk; Jerena Keys and Pastor Jon Fleming, who have led the congregation as well as all members of the staff who have worked so diligently during this year. All of these people have consented to serve another term. The work by Teri Hook, Secretary, is especially appreciated and the music groups and directors - Cate Arroe, Judy Tressler, Allene Long, and Paul Heidemann -- who give outstanding presentations every Sunday. She stated that their work was appreciated by all and she thanked them for their efforts.
- 3.6 Moderator Alice Bandstra thanked everyone for giving her the opportunity to serve as the Governing Board Moderator.

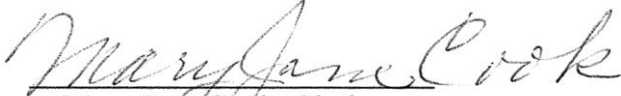
ADJOURNMENT / BENEDICTION

- 4.1 Since there was no further business, Moderator Alice Bandstra asked Pastor Jon to offer the benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Alice Bandstra, Moderator



Mary Jane Cook, Clerk