

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE CONGREGATION & CORPORATION
FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FAYETTEVILLE, AR
Sunday, January 24, 2010**

The annual meeting of the congregation and corporation of First United Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville, AR was held in Fellowship Hall, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service and a luncheon. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Barry Williams, Interim Pastor, at 12:35 p.m. and was opened with prayer.

Declaration of a Quorum

Agendas were received by the congregation in the Annual Report. Rev. Williams recognized Laurie Reh, Clerk of Session and Secretary for the meeting. A quorum was declared present.

Appointment of Tellers

Rev. Williams announced to the congregation that he had appointed Liz Fulton and Jim Schneringer to serve as tellers of the ballot count to be held later in the meeting. Hearing no objection, the appointment was approved by consensus.

Recognition of Service by Elders in 2009

Rev. Williams recognized elders Dennis Lee Bailey, June Davis, Lyle Gohn, Sara Koenig, Michelle Price, Jim Schneringer, Ron Woodruff and Doug Wright of the Class of 2009 for their service on Session. He presented them each with a Presbyterian book mark as a gift and expression of his appreciation for their stewardship and faithfulness to the church.

Rev. Williams then recognized Maxine Ward and expressed his thanks for the many handwritten personal cards sent to members of the congregation. Rev. Williams next recognized Laurie Reh for her service as Clerk of Session during his tenure with the church. Rev. Williams also recognized the Rev. Lee Power and expressed his appreciation for her work at First United Presbyterian Church. He presented each with a gift of a Presbyterian book mark.

Report and Recommendations from the Congregation's Nominating Committee

Rev. Williams recognized Elder Ted Belden, moderator of the 2009 Congregational Nominating Committee.

On behalf of the 2009 Congregational Nominating Committee, Elder Belden recommended the following slate of at-large nominees for the 2010 Congregation's Nominating Committee: *Sara Eichman, Chris Harris, Leana Houston and Randy Werner*

Rev. Williams asked for a motion *to elect at-large members Sara Eichman, Chris Harris, Leana Houston and Randy Werner as presented by the Congregation's Nominating Committee*. It was asked three times if there were any other nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Rev. Williams moved *that the 2010 Congregational Nominating Committee be elected and the motion passed*.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Elder Belden presented the name of Sara Harris to serve as Trustee for the Class of 2012. A motion was made and seconded to *elect Sara Harris*. There was no discussion and following the vote taken, *the motion passed*.

Report and Recommendation of the Pastor Nominating Committee

Rev. Williams addressed the congregation and spoke to the process leading to the call of Rev.'s Jan and Phil Butin to serve as our co-pastors. Members of the Pastor Nominating Committee Bill Waite (moderator), Bill Hewat, James Moore, Betty Ezell, Logan Woodruff, Steve Sisco and Lorraine Brewer were then invited forward to also address the congregation at this time. Each shared their experiences while serving on the PNC over the past year.

Printed copies of the Terms of Call for Rev. Jan Butin and Rev. Dr. Phil Butin were distributed for the congregation's information. Copies had been made available in the Church Office. The Terms of Call involve one and a half pastoral positions at FUPC, with each person serving the congregation at three-quarters time. The Pastor Nominating Committee *unanimously recommended that the congregation call the Rev. Jan Butin and the Rev. Dr. Phil Butin to serve as co-pastors of First United Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville*. A motion was moved and seconded *that the meeting proceed to the vote*. With no further discussion, *the motion passed*.

Ballots were distributed to members of the congregation by the Pastor Nominating Committee. The ballots were then tallied by Jim Schneringer and Liz Fulton, the appointed tellers. While the count was being taken, Rev. Williams continued following the meeting's agenda.

Receiving of the Annual Report for 2009

Printed copies of the Annual Report for 2009 were received by the congregation. Questions and/or comments concerning these reports were invited and encouraged. Rev. Williams recognized the following reports:

Interim Pastor (Rev. Barry Williams), Parish Assistant (Rev. Lee Power), Christian Education Director (Kristi Button), Music Director (Todd Prickett), Clerk of Session (Laurie Reh), Deacons Committee (Cathy Irwin & June Davis), Belonging and Evangelism Committee (Melinda Nickle & Derrik Olsen), Fellowship Committee (Doug Wright & Kyle Elmore), Kitchen Hospitality Committee (Barbara Verdery), Outreach Committee (Roger Koepp), First School Commission (Katie Jackson), Worship and Music Committee (Frank Millett), Christian Education Committee (Michelle Price, Katie Jackson, Itrel Monroe and Amy McCann), FUPC Forums (Martha Brewer), Personnel Committee (Lyle Gohn), Properties Committee (Allen Hanna), Long Range Planning (Tom Verdery and Jim Schneringer), Stewardship Committee (Bo Morton), Nominating Committee (Ted Belden), Presbyterian Women (Mary Boushelle & Nancy Mays), Trustees and Endowment (Liz Fulton), First Fellowship (Ron Talbert) and Hi Acres (Ted Belden). Also included were a current listing of 2010, 2011 and 2012 Session Classes, FUPC Committees, FUPC Special Committees and Session Members Committee Assignments by Class. All were asked to stand and be recognized by the congregation. Financial Reports for 2009 were included along with the 2010 Committee Budgets. {Clerk's Note: Memorial Gifts Committee Report was submitted at a later time}

Interim Pastor/Moderator's Report

Rev. Barry Williams presented the Interim Pastor/ Moderator report and addressed the congregation. He spoke to what a privilege it had been to serve this congregation as Interim Pastor. He reflected on the PNC's hard and faithful work. Over the past year, the Personnel Committee had helped develop a strong and exceptional staff....it was his pleasure to work with these good and great saints. Rev. Williams announced the session-approved Endowment for Rev. Lee Power who has served the church since the 1980's. He extended an invitation to the congregation to consider contributing to this special endowment fund in recognition of Rev. Power's great work.

Upon completion of the count, Rev. Williams announced that *the congregation had voted unanimously to call the Rev. Jan Butin and the Rev. Phil Butin to serve as co-pastors of First United Presbyterian Church by a vote of 131 in favor, with no votes against.*

A motion was then made and seconded *to dismiss the Pastor Nominating Committee, with thanks, following the installation of Rev. Jan Butin and Rev. Phil Butin.* With no further discussion, *the motion passed.*

Following the vote, each member of the PNC signed the approved Terms of Call for Rev. Jan Butin and Rev. Phil Butin. Rev. Barry Williams, meeting moderator, also signed the Terms of Call for each pastor.

Discussion of 2010 Session Committees and Mission Opportunities for the Church

A roster of 2010 Session Committees was included in the Annual Report. Moderators of each committee were invited forward to give a 1-2 minute presentation on the work of the committee and to use this opportunity to seek new members. Members were also encouraged to get involved in the various mission opportunities of First United Presbyterian Church.

At this time, Rev. Williams' arrested the meeting of the Congregation.

Annual Meeting of the Corporation

Rev. Williams recognized Hugh Brewer, moderator of the Trustees, who asked that the annual meeting of the corporation be called to order. After doing so, Mr. Brewer stated that there being no business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.

Dick Forsythe addressed the congregation and spoke briefly about Butterfield Trail Village. He requested the congregation's continuing support and guidance on identifying leadership to serve on the BTV Board of Directors.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer

A motion was made and seconded from the floor and *it was passed that the meeting be adjourned at 1:50 p.m with joy and thanksgiving.* Rev. Williams closed the meeting in prayer.

Rev. Barry Williams
Moderator

Laurie Reh
Clerk of Session