

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of  
University Lutheran Church of Hope  
February 3, 2008

For several weeks, the following statement has been publicized:

Please join us for the **Annual Meeting** of the congregation on Sunday, February 3 following the 10:30am worship service. A light lunch will be served. For a preview of the 2008 budget and other Annual Meeting agenda items, join Congregation President Karmi Anna Mattson for the Adult Forum between services on January 20 & January 27. Be sure to pick up an advance copy of the Annual Report while there; or see it on line at [www.ulch.org/images/2007AnnualReport.pdf](http://www.ulch.org/images/2007AnnualReport.pdf).

After a light lunch was served, President Karmi Mattson convened the meeting at 12:15pm. She led us through the devotional which is published inside the cover of the Annual Report. With Timothy Strand accompanying, we sang a hymn. She offered thanks to Ann Beane who prepared the food today, and to Leslie Frost who is acting as our parliamentarian. Karmi introduced Pastor David Johnson, our new Visitation Pastor.

She solicited approval of minutes of last year's annual meeting as well as minutes from the summer congregational meeting. No objections being heard, Karmi declared the minutes approved and accepted. She then turned the meeting over to Treasurer Norris Waalen who led us through the financial reports for 2007. The year ended with a healthy surplus, most of which resulted from expense savings. After handling a few questions, we approved and accepted the reports as presented.

President Karmi Mattson went on to present and discuss the new Governance Model. She explained that the new Vision & Governance Board contains the usual 4 officers plus 5 members-at-large. She went into some detail, outlining the various teams, Operations, Leadership Development and Communications, Worship & Music Ministry, Youth & Young Adults, Education, Hope in the World, and Relational Ministries. We do not, and will not, elect members to these teams at the annual meeting; rather, we recognize the essential fluidity of these teams and encourage anyone to consider serving at any time. Ruth Phelps indicated her confusion of what groups are doing what; she pointed out that the bylaws currently available from the web site describe the old structure. Karmi indicated we should have these rules fleshed-out fairly soon, but wishes to avoid rules that would constrict the flexibility we may need. She also reminded us that we chose not to change the bylaws at our meeting in June of 2007, but to try out the new structure for a year and then adopt new bylaws in June of 2008.

President Karmi Mattson moved on to the topic Room for Fresh Creations. Vice President Bob Moluf took the floor to lead us through the first part of that presentation. He gave a brief overview of the history of RFC and the plans for a new, three-year capital campaign to begin in this calendar year. Afterward, Treasurer Norris Waalen took the

floor to outline the specific financial details of the current Room for Fresh Creations status. He fielded some questions.

Responding to a query, Treasurer Norris Waalen outlined the way we allocate interest to our dedicated funds. He also spoke to questions on the funding of our Youth Intern and on mortgage refinancing options.

We moved on to the issue of the budget for 2008. Treasurer Norris Waalen outlined changes to the budget for 2008. There were a number of questions and some further discussion. Kirsten Mebust asked how budgetary requests get routed to the Vision & Governance Board. Vice President Bob Moluf replied that requests should come to the Board through the Board member working with each ministry area, although this was not easily done in recent months due to the early departure of several Board members. He stated that the reconstituted Vision and Governance Board will take up the topic of mission priorities as one of its main goals during its retreat at the end of February. David Ranheim asked if the line items allocated to the various ministry areas were enough for them to do their work. Marty Lewis-Hunstiger commented that she has regularly received requests to reduce the spending of her Commission, and that this was not a good trend. President Karmi Mattson reminded us that this proposed budget includes increases in the line items for these ministry areas. James Flaten asked if any of the planned staffing additions were aimed at increasing membership; Karmi answered affirmatively and mentioned our new emphasis on Youth and Young Adults. Cory Olson spoke to this, indicating that people in his age group who do not have children are looking for a sense of community. Their needs are different from those of older members of the congregation. He would be delighted to have a staff person working with young adults.

It was moved and seconded to adopt the proposed budget. In further discussion, Scott Hvizdos advocated increasing the budget based on the previous year's revenue, saying that the current method often has the effect of preventing program leaders from spending their entire allocations. David Ranheim invited program leaders to take their budgets on faith and spend their allocations. President Karmi Mattson affirmed that. Jack Dant asked about how to handle situations in which spending for one particular item may be low in one year, but high in another. Treasurer Norris Waalen indicated that program leaders should be very specific and early in making their requests. David Ranheim called the question, that was seconded, and the motion carried. The budget as presented was then voted on and approved.

Karmi recognized Board Members leaving after many years of service: Marty Lewis-Hunstiger, Lisa Morse, Past President Garvin Davenport, and Treasurer Norris Waalen.

Leadership Development's John Pignatello took the floor to outline the slate for 2008. He thanked the members of his Task Force: Jo Schroeder, Karmi Mattson, and Ruth Phelps. This year's nominees are –  
Vice President, John Lauber  
Secretary-Treasurer, Mike Fingerson  
Education, Dan O'Loughlin

Relational Ministries, Leslie Frost  
Worship & Music, Uli Koester  
These candidates were then elected.

The Trust Board was the next order of business. To be elected were –  
Deb Bordsen  
John Beane  
Kathy Carpenter  
Paul Demeules  
These were also elected.

President Karmi Mattson is now Past-President Karmi Mattson; Bob Moluf is now the President and took the podium. He asked for any new business, and none was forthcoming. He next recognized outgoing President Karmi Mattson; he expressed his appreciation for her work this last year, outlining some of the many things she accomplished in 2007, while also completing her MBA. We saluted her with a round of applause.

Pastor Craig Shirley closed the meeting with prayer at 1:50pm.