A quorum membership of more than 48 was counted as present.

The meeting was called to order by Gwen Childs at 11:50AM.

Board officers Gwen Childs (President), Megan Renner (Treasurer) and Kitty Wrigley (Secretary) as well as Reverend Martin Woulfe were present to address the Congregation. In addition to documents posted in advance of the meeting, additional handouts were provided including the Treasurer’s Report, Minister’s Report, Religious Education Committee Report, Annual Report of the Endowment Committee and an invitation to participate in an International Day of Peace and Ceasefire.

Minutes
Bonnie Ettinger moved to approve the minutes of the annual meeting of June 7, 2009. Michael Plog seconded the motion and it was passed by acclamation.

Reports to the Congregation

President’s Report
President Gwen Childs noted that the Board began the year with a retreat to set goals then listed those goals and the progress made toward achieving them. The first goal was to hire a salaried Membership Coordinator. Megan Renner submitted a successful Chalice Lighter’s Grant for this part-time position and work is underway to fill this position.

The second goal was to improve curb appeal. The Green Committee will establish a prairie garden on an unused portion of the lot, the Facilities Committee is working on refurbishing the large sign in front of the church and potted plants have been added near the entrance. The third goal was to promote Standing on the Side of Love. The most prominent action was our leading role in protesting the planned demonstration at the Hoogland Center by Fred Phelps and the Westboro Baptists. Also, the RE children sent valentines to the governor to express hope that love will prevail and the Aesthetics Committee created a new banner for the sanctuary. The fourth goal was to encourage small group ministry. Among the activities was a Chalice Circle, the Flute Circle and the Artist’s Way course. A lunch bunch was organized and 25% of the congregation participated in Circle Dinners. The final goal was to hold three major fundraisers. Plate and other contributions exceeded projections so a third major fundraiser was considered unnecessary.

Minister’s Report
Rev. Martin Woulfe reported that he led 25 services this year and completed the final two months of a sabbatical. Twenty-four new members joined to bring our current total to 195. Martin compiled the 2000-2010 Member/Friend Directory and secured advertisers, which paid for production costs. Rev. Woulfe attended a number of professional meetings and continues to serve on the national UUMA Nominating Committee. The Central Midwest District Board met at our church in February 2010. Audio sermons are
now posted to the website. Martin attended and participated in a number of community events as well as those for youth. He assisted in fundraising by selling posters and CDs

*Treasurer’s Report*
Megan Renner reviewed Revenue and Expenses for the financial year to date. Pledges are at approximately 93% of budget as of May 31, plate collections and contributions substantially exceeded budget expectations, 145% and 156% of budget respectively. Fundraising is about 94% of budget from two successful fundraisers as well as poster/CD sales. Martin will have a booth at the upcoming General Assembly, which proceeds will also be included in this fiscal year. Expenses are generally in line with the approved budget with a few exceptions. We paid our dues to the UUA and the CMWD and continue to be a “fair share” congregation. Our mortgage payments are current and two loans will be paid off in 2015 (UUA) and 2020 (INB). A few lines are over budget, including snow removal, building supplies, payroll taxes and worker’s compensation insurance. These have been taken into account in the draft of next year’s budget. An unbudgeted expense has been the purchase of two new computers for the Office Manager and the Minister. The Cleaning Fund met its goal for the year.

Megan noted that ALUUC holds a number of restricted funds and that for several it is unclear how their remaining balances will be used since the projects have been completed. She strongly advised the congregation and future boards to include in future donor agreements that, should any balances remain after completions of a project the remaining funds will be dispersed into the operating budget. As of April 30, 2010, approximately 79% of ALUUC’s current assets are restricted or designated in their use. In conclusion, it is almost certain that revenue will exceed expenses this year.

Megan then provided highlights of the proposed budget for FY2010-2011. The pledge drive nearly reached its goal of a 5% increase. The proposed budget decreases fundraising to $17,000, decreased utilities expense by $1,000 and includes increases for the Minister, Office Manager and Coordinator of Religious Education. Cleaning expense was incorporated into the operating budget instead of treating it as a separate fundraiser. All Committee requests were included. The Chalice Lighters grant is included a Miscellaneous Revenue, which will pay for the entire first year of the Membership Coordinator. In Year 2, the grants pay half and the congregation pays half. In Year 3, the Congregation incorporates the cost fully into the operating budget. Finally, the formatting of several budget items was adjusted to reflect proper accounting method.

*Endowment Committee Report*
Frank Kopecky was unable to attend and a print report was distributed. Among other information provided it noted that balance as of June 2, 2010 was $60,710.25 and that the Board has not requested the use of endowment funds this year or in the history of the fund.
Religious Education Report
Marla Johnson provided this report, noting that 24 classes had been taught this year. There were 7 children’s worships, including one for Valentine’s Day for which the children prepared and sent valentines to Governor Quinn. Social action activities included Guest at your Table, Change for Change and Standing on the Side of Love. The Senior Youth hosted a successful CON. The World Religions curriculum was used this year. For the summer, a Gods and Goddesses curriculum will be used. This fall will include the OWL curriculum, and a few more teachers are needed.

Nominating Committee Report
Buffy Lael reported that the following members have agreed to be candidates for election:

**Board Officers, one-year term:**
President: Kurt DeWeese

Vice President: Doug Liberati
Secretary: Kelly Anderson
Treasurer, Stacey Shinkle Van Bogaert

**Board Members, two-year term:**
Phillip Anderson
Chelsea Fry
Theresa Kanoza
Roger Powers
Cathy Talano

**Board Members, one-year term:**
Carol Floyd

**Nominating Committee:**
Buffy Lael
Berkley Moore

**Endowment Trust Committee:**
Wes Duiker
Jeff Bennett

Wes Duiker moved to elect the entire slate of candidates. Fred Dietz seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation.

Buffy Lael also announced the appointment of members to the Committee on Ministry as follows: Tracy Anderson, Mary Ryan and Dianne Roberts-Hill.
Adoption of the FY2010-2011 Budget
Dianne Roberts-Hill moved that the FY2010-2011 budget of $192,315.84 be approved. Penny Wollan-Kriel seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.

Adoption of Proposed By-Laws Amendment
An amendment was proposed that adds Personnel Committee to the list of the Board’s standing committees. This proposed amendment also changes the name of the Membership and Publicity Committee to Welcoming and Publicity Committee. The text of the following proposed changes is as follows:

ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

Section 1: Regular Standing Committees. The President shall appoint a chair for the following regular standing committees: Finance; Religious Education; Program; Facilities; Fellowship; Social Action; Electronics and Communications; Audit; Personnel; and Welcoming and Publicity. The committee chair shall select the members of the committee in consultation with the President and shall act under the general supervision of the Board. The chair and members shall serve terms concurrent with the Congregation fiscal year or until their successors have been appointed.

Berkley Moore moved that this amendment to the Bylaws be approved. Kelly Anderson seconded the motion and it was approved by acclamation.

New Business
The Congregation has been invited to participate in an International Day of Peace for all nations and areas of the world through a 24-hour Continuous Day of Prayer. Dan Schull moved that the Congregation accept the invitation. Bonnie Ettinger seconded the motion, and it passed by acclamation.

There was a question regarding the continuing problem of the septic system, which is due to the high water table. The Metropolitan Sanitary District does not have this address in its long-range plan. There may be other types of tanks not susceptible to the issue with the water table, though that is an expensive solution. There was no action taken.

Wes Duiker moved to adjourn. Ricky Stead seconded the motion, which carried by acclamation. The Congregational meeting adjourned at 12:49 PM.