

MCC of Topeka
Annual Meeting
November 16, 2008, 12:00 p.m.

Vice Moderator Ginny H. called the meeting to order at noon.

Opening Prayer—Rev. Celena gave the opening prayer

Confirm Quorum—The Vice Moderator Ginny H. declared a quorum present for the meeting, there being 32 persons attending the meeting, with a necessary quorum of 15 members.

Approval of the minutes of the last congregational meeting—Nancy M., clerk of the Board of Directors, gave a summary of the minutes of the last congregational meeting held on February 3, 2008. Phil G. moved and Richard McK. seconded the approval of the minutes as posted on the official church bulletin board. The minutes were approved by majority vote.

Voting for candidates for the Board of Directors—The three candidates for the vacancies on the Board are Linda F., Ginny H., and Nancy M. Richard D. of the Nominating Committee handed out written ballots. Vice Moderator Ginny H. thanked the members of the nominating committee for their faithful service.

Voting for by-law changes—Nancy M., clerk of the Board, explained the four by-law changes recommended by the Board of Directors. These changes are as follows:
Change One: Delete the following sentence at Article IV A) 2) “Deacons: As outlined in the New Testament, their office is a historic ministry of service and aid within the Christian Church.” and delete any additional references to Deacons or Deaconate.

Change Two: Delete the following sentence at Article V B) 3), under the duties of the alternate lay delegate, “To attend the meetings of the Board of Directors on a regular basis.”

Change Three: Add the following language at Article V A) 1) b) the duties of the Treasurer, between 5) and 6) “To file the annual statistical report to the UFMCC.”

Change Four: Add the following language in quotations at Article V A) 1) c) 2) the duties of the clerk “In conjunction with the Treasurer and Pastor, to assist with furnishing” to UFMCC and the Region office any and all written statements required by them of the MCC of Topeka.

After a short question and answer session on the by-law changes, Richard D. of the Board of Directors handed out written ballots.

Approval of 2009 Budget—Jack B., Treasurer of the Board of Directors, handed out the 2009 Budget. Jack B. noted that the 2009 Budget was about a 1% increase over last year’s budget. Phil G. moved and Nancy M. seconded the approval of the 2009 Budget. The motion passed by majority vote.

Pastor’s Annual Report—Rev. Patrick went over the highlights of his written annual report.

Board of Directors Annual Report—Vice Moderator Ginny H. went over the highlights of the Board's written report of the Board's 2008 accomplishments and the Board's written goals for 2009.

Ministry Council Annual Report—Ministry Council Chair Phil G. gave a summary of the Ministry Council's current status. He introduced the following ministry coordinators who provided highlights of their written annual reports and gave their ministry's goals for 2009: Children's Ministry—Cindy T.; Congregational Care Ministry—Linda F.; Outreach Ministry—Stephanie M.; Christian Education Ministry—Steve S./Lila S.; Hospitality Ministry—Doug B.; Worship Ministry—Rev. Celena.

Lay Delegate Annual Report—Lay Delegate Phil G. gave a summary of the church's increased involvement and visibility in the international denomination.

Pastor Search Team Report—Vice Moderator Ginny H. gave an oral report of the Pastor Search Team. There currently are 3 applicants and the search team continues to meet on a regular basis.

Richard D. of the Board of Directors, after counting the ballots with Annette B. of the Board of Directors, announced all three Board of Directors candidates were elected by majority vote and all four by-law changes were adopted by majority vote.

With no further business, Vice Moderator Ginny H. adjourned the meeting. Sharon W. gave the closing prayer at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy G. Maxwell
Clerk of the Board of Directors, MCC of Topeka