

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting**  
**Church of the Pilgrimage**  
May 13, 2007

**Purpose:**

1. To receive reports of Boards, Committees and Officers.
2. Election of Officers, Board and Committee Members
3. Act on the 2007/2008 Budget of the Church

**Presiding:** Marylyn Colburn, Assistant Moderator

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by the Assistant Moderator at 11:10 AM. The Rev. Marks offered a prayer.

1. The Assistant Moderator reviewed the procedures for the meeting and stated that Robert's' Rules would be used as a guide.
2. The minutes of the June 11, 2006 Annual Meeting were presented.  
A motion was made and seconded to accept these minutes as presented. **Vote-APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**
3. The report of the Church Clerk was read and **APPROVED.** Rev. Marks offered a prayer for those Members who had passed away during 2006.
4. The Moderator recognized the rest of the reports presented in the Annual Report booklet. He acknowledged all who worked on the various committees and thanked them. A motion was made and seconded to accept the reports as written. **Vote-APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**
5. Report of the **Treasurer**  
Jonathon Porter reported that as of March, 2007, the income has exceeded expectations and the fiscal year would be ending "in the black". He then went on to give an explanation of the way the proposed budget was set up. It is set up on a quarterly basis and he noted that it is a 10 month budget going from July 2006-April 2007. He went on to explain several items. A question was raised about the renting of the John Robinson Center. Due to the lack of a tenant there has been no income from the building. Judy Mitchell reported that the Board of Trustees is continuing to look for a tenant or tenants to rent the space. Brochures have been printed and a subcommittee is actively working on the issue. Cliff Sampson asked about the amount of money that has been taken out of the Endowment funds this past year. Porter stated that \$50,000 had to be taken out to pay for repair of the cupola as there was major deterioration that had to be repaired. It was noted that there had been several informational meetings to explain all repairs to members of the Church over the past year. These were very helpful. Sampson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded. There being no further discussion a vote was taken. **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.** There was a round of applause for Porter's work over the past year.
6. **Budget**  
Ray Quinn and Judy Mitchell, Board of Trustees, presented the proposed 2007-2008 Budget. The Board recommended the budget figure of \$356,030.79 for the fiscal year and included a "Wish Budget" printed next to it. Both are deficit budgets. There are unavoidable cost increases. It was noted that there was NO cost of living increases in the proposed Budget. The Board of Trustees made a motion to accept the proposed 2007-2008 Budget of \$356,030.79. The motion was seconded. Discussion. C. Sampson stated that there should be a 3% cost of living raise for salaried employees included in the Budget. Porter noted that there was no mortgage payment included and money will have to be taken from the Restricted/Endowment accounts. Concern was raised about the need for increased pledging to cover the expenses of the Church. Sampson made a motion to amend the proposed Budget of \$356,030.79 to include a 3% increase for the staff plus \$5100 added to the Christian Education portion. Jenny Healy seconded the motion. Discussion followed on the amendment. It was noted that pledging has increased somewhat and there are new pledging units. More are needed, however, to cover the needs of the Church. Doug Post challenged the members to try to increase their pledges. Sampson moved the question. A 2/3 vote of the members is needed. **VOTE-APPROVED** The vote was then taken on the proposed amendment to the Budget. **VOTE-28 YES, 19 NO, some abstentions. THE AMENDMENT PASSED.** Discussion continued on the proposed Budget as amended. Sampson moved to end discussion. **VOTE-28 YES, 21 NO, some abstentions.** Because it was not a 2/3 approval, the motion **FAILED.** Discussion continued on the proposed Budget as amended. A motion was made to amend the amendment and accept the "Wish" budget figure of \$373,701.04. Seconded. **VOTE-12 YES, 31 NO, 7 ABSTENTIONS.** The motion to amend **FAILED.** A motion was then made and seconded to vote on the original

motion as amended. This would be to approve the proposed Budget as amended to the amount of \$356,030.79 plus the 3% cost of living increase and \$5100 for Christian Education. **VOICE VOTE-APPROVED.**

7. Report of the **Nominating Committee**

Al Hoyt presented the report of the Nominating Committee. It was noted that there are still positions that need to be filled. The Board of Trustees will be considering a volunteer who has stepped forward to serve as Treasurer. Hoyt thanked the members of the committee and those who have agreed to serve on the various Boards and Committees. Sampson made a motion to accept the Nominating Committee report as presented. It was seconded. **VOTE-APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.** The Advisory Board delegates to State Conference are Jessica Hague and Christina Borel.

**Other Items:**

Marna Blomberg, Visioning Committee, spoke about a "Visioning" proposal that will come before the Advisory Board. The Visioning Committee is an ad hoc committee approved by the Church Council. More information will be forthcoming.

J. Healy requested that the Church bell be rung at 1 P.M. following the meeting. Bells across the country are being rung at that time for World Peace. It was APPROVED.

The Assistant Moderator reminded all Boards and Committees to meet within 30 days to elect chairs as stated in the Bylaws.

**Motion** to adjourn was made and seconded. **Vote-Approved.**

Pastor Heather Moody closed the meeting with a prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lois Post, Clerk