

**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 2010**

The Annual Meeting of the 1st Congregational Church, Deep River was called to order at 7:10pm in Fellowship Hall at the church. There were approximately 20 members in attendance. Robert Butkus was Moderator for the meeting.

Rev. Timothy Haut opened the meeting with a short service. Church members who passed away in 2009 were remembered: Charles Talcott Scovill, Phyllis "Skip" Larson, Doris Meneely Johnson, and Nina Smith Euston.

Deb Van Wyngaarden, Clerk, read the Call to the Annual Meeting. A motion was made by Don Grohs to accept the call as written. It was seconded by Evie Grohs, which passed by unanimous vote.

- 1) Approval of the Annual Budget Meeting and Annual Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Evie Grohs to accept the minutes of the Annual Meeting on March 16, 2009 and the Annual Budget Meeting on November 8, 2009 as printed. It was seconded by Val Nucci, which passed by unanimous vote. Evie Grohs noted that Whelen was not thanked on the inside front or back cover as noted in the minutes. Fran Phinney will follow-up with John Kollmer Sr. to see if they want to be mentioned, and if so, content.

- 2) To receive and act on the report of the minister, the Boards, Committees, and Officers as presented in the Annual Report. Members reviewed the 17th Annual Report, 2009 page-by-page. Per a decision at the 2007 Annual Meeting, punctuation and grammar would not be changed, unless it changes the content of the text.
Page 6 - Nominating: Nancy Peluso should be added as Deacon representative on Personnel Committee.
Page 7 - Senior Minister: Evie Grohs mentioned that the report was as impressive as always. Don Grohs said it was a great synopsis of the year and activities.
Page 10 - Seminary Intern Report: Evie Grohs said that we were blessed to have David with our church this year. Rev. Haut seconded the sentiment.
Page 11 - Vital Statistics: Evie Grohs and Bob Butkus mentioned that there are many folks with a connection to our church, even though they might not be members (i.e. funerals conducted by Rev. Haut in 2009).
Page 18 - Trustees: Don Grohs made special mention of Jack Coutler and that he deserves a lot of credit and is a man on the job all the time. Rev. Haut indicated that this is a "hands-on" group and that we are grateful for everything they do at the church. Change: WIC should be Women, Infant and Children.
Page 19 - Board of Christian Service: Emily Bjornberg wanted to add that Gerry Nolin and Dorothy DeMichael have added a lot to this Board and have helped it grow.
Page 23 - Board of Christian Education: Jane Syme added that we are very blessed to have Sybil Higgins and Linda Hostetler mentioned she couldn't believe how much our Sunday School children are involved with and in. There was a special thank you to Elizabeth Root for everything she does. Change: On page 26 add the word "on" after project (under DeepRiverOpoly).
Page 32 - Delete page, incorrectly added/printed to annual report.
Page 33 - Change page number to 32.
Page 33 - Insert New Orleans Annual Report and Sincere Thank You! as "Page 33 a and b" as the report is 2-sided.
Page 35 - Youth and Family Ministry Director: Evie Grohs said that we are blessed to have Emily in every capacity she is involved in.
Page 38 - Church Street Child Care: Val Nucci commended Stacie Bowe, Director of CSCC on her program and how well it is doing. Jane Syme noted that there are 2 budgets in the report as the program is changing its budget year reporting to reflect the church budget year of Jan. - Dec.
Page 42 - Senior Choir/Organist: Amy Winchell said that Alicia Melluzzo name should be added under Soloists.
Page 45 - Junior Handbell Choir: Name Correction - Mia Moen should be Maya Moen.
Page 46 - Personnel Committee: There was confusion on #3 - the word "prior" should be inserted. Church staff should e-mail one another prior to taking a vacation or taking time off.

Page 49 - Historical Committee: Spelling corrections - Bjornberg should be Bjornberg, Karem should be Karam, Hoestetler should be Hostetler. Emily Bjornberg noted that they did a nice job on the 175th Anniversary celebration and put a lot of time and work into making all the events memorable.

Page 63 - The Collector's report printed was for December 31, 2008 and NOT December 31, 2009. The correct report, December 31, 2009, will be included in the 176th Annual Report, 2010. The Collector will include both December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2010 reports.

Page 68 - Schedules A and B: Evie Grohs asked what the Sudanese Fellowship Mission was as it showed a negative balance. Rev. Haut explained that this mission/outreach was to develop a relationship with and assist with the resettlement of a struggling Sudanese refugee congregation in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Rev. Haut hopes that in the future a mission trip can be planned for members to visit the congregation and help out with various projects needed at the church. Church Council had previously approved this group as an outreach program of DRCC.

Page 74 - The Ministry of the Connecticut Conference Report was for December 31, 2008 and NOT December 31, 2009. The correct report, December 31, 2009, will be included in the 176th Annual Report, 2010. The Church Secretary will include both December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2010 reports.

Jane Syme made a motion to accept the 175th Annual Report 2009 of the 1st Congregational Church, Deep River with noted corrections. It was seconded by Emily Bjornberg, which was carried by unanimous vote.

3) To transact on any other business proper to come before the meeting. None reported. However, Rev. Haut expanded on how the congregation survey taken last year is being analyzed and how the church is looking to the future with long-range planning for the future of our church. He mentioned the possibility of a retreat in which members review the survey and assist with future planning of the church.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm after a slideshow presented by Lindsay Smith highlighting the year in review.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Van Wyngaarden

Deb Van Wyngaarden, Clerk