

## **ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

### **March 14, 2011**

The Annual Meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church, Deep River was called to order at 7:10 pm in Fellowship Hall at the church. There were 18 members in attendance. Robert Butkus was Moderator for the meeting and Deb Van Wyngaarden was Clerk.

Rev. Timothy Haut opened the meeting with a short service. Church members who passed away in 2010 were remembered: Clifford Taber, Eleanor Munson, Marion Becker, Elaine Tower, John Eckert, Walter Euston, Jr., Jennifer Nastri, Samuel Alsbeck, Ethel Zeeck, Elizabeth Messina, and Eleanor (Pat) Hardy.

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 Fran Phinney, which passed by unanimous vote.

**Approval of the Annual Meeting and Annual Budget Meeting Minutes** – A motion was made by Evelyn Grohs to accept the minutes of the Annual Meeting on March 15, 2010. It was seconded by Val Nucci, which passed by unanimous vote. A motion was made by Val Nucci and seconded by Sybil Higgins to accept the minutes of the Annual Budget Meeting held on November 14, 2010 with a word addition: add 74 units that had not pledged. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Don Grohs noted for the record that the land exchange of property owned by DRCC, which is within the State Forest, has not been transferred to the Deep River Land Trust but was expected to happen by summer.

**To Receive and act on the report of the Minister, The Board, Committees, and the Officers as presented in the 176<sup>th</sup> Annual Report** – Deb V.W. noted that Whelen Engineering was not thanked again for the printing of the Annual Report. Fran Phinney will write copy and forward to Kris Lindner, Office Manager.

Page 7 – Comment by Evelyn Grohs that Rev. Haut's report was excellent as always.

Page 10 – Comment by Rev. Haut that it was a delight to have Cheryl Anderson, our seminary student, in our church community.

Page 11 – Corrections on Vital Statistics are as follows: Members Removed by Death in 2010 should be (11) adding Eleanor Munson to the list. Capitalize May in Eleanor May Patterson Hardy. Total Removed in 2010 should be (13). Present Membership should be (647). Funerals Conducted in 2010 Add \* next to Eleanor Munson's name. Gregory Dee funeral date should be 12/29/2010.

Page 15 – Correction: Kayee should be Kaylee.

Page 18 – Comment by Evelyn Grohs that Deacons are a busy Board and should be commended; Phyllis Haut noted an exceptional Board.

Page 19 – Comment by Rev. Haut that the Board of Trustees is an exceptional Board and thanked them for everything they do; Evelyn Grohs mentioned how conscientious Jack Coulter is and that when he was on vacation, he telephoned to make sure everything was running smoothly.

Page 20 – Comment by Evelyn Grohs that Board of Christian Service is another hardworking Board.

Page 21 – Comment from Ed Hemmann that a more detailed income and expense report for the Backpack Program should be reported since this mission has such a large carryover yearly.

Page 26 – Comment by Rev. Haut thanking Heidi Lee for her years of service organizing the Hospitality Ministry.

Page 27 – Comment by Don Grohs on the great job the Kitchen Committee has done with the reorganization in the kitchen.

Page 36 – Correction: Nuicci should be Nucci. Comment by Deb Van Wyngaarden that the work done by the Caring Card and Friend-to-Friend Ministries, organized by Evelyn Grohs is appreciated.

Page 32 – Comment by Evelyn Grohs and Phyllis Haut on the phenomenal job Sybil Higgins does and the great support she receives from the Board of Christian Education.

Page 34 – Comment by Evelyn Grohs on how impressive the Sunday School and is amazed at the amount of activities the classes are involved in.

Page 40 – Comment by Evelyn Grohs on how blessed we are to have Amanda Higgins in our church community.

Page 41 – Comment by Sybil Higgins on how blessed we are to have Lisa McNeely.

Page 46 – Addition: Add New Orleans trip leader Marjorie Russell.

Page 50 – Delete Tanya Klein's name – added twice.

Page 52 – Change Cade & Cade to Cade and Cole; Kube should be Kuba.

Page 56 – Capitalize name Bob.

Page 59 – Comment by Phyllis Haut that the Olde Country Delights booth is an incredible booth.

Page 60 – Comment by Rev. Haut that the Committee did a wonderful job with this year's stewardship campaign.

Page 70 – Question by Don Grohs if cash reserves might be too high. Richard Lee will talk with Essex Financial Service. Comment by Val Nucci on what a marvelous job the Investment Committee has done with Church assets.

Deb indicated that incorrect reports submitted in 2009 (Church Collector and UCC Report) were not included in the 2010 Annual Report. Church Office must make sure the corrected reports (2008 was submitted) are included in the 2010 Annual Reports. The 2009 Annual Meeting Minutes noted that the 2008 title should be changed to 2009 on these reports. (Dayle L. informed Clerk that she reviewed the reports and the reports were incorrect.

**To Transact on any Other Business Proper to Come Before the Meeting** – None reported.

Evelyn Grohs made a motion to accept the 176<sup>th</sup> Annual Report, Year Ending December 31, 2010 with changes reported during the Annual 2010 Meeting. It was seconded by Val Nucci, which passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. Rev. Haut closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Van Wyngaarden, Clerk