

**Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting
Bella Vista Lutheran Church
October 25, 2009**

The meeting was called to order with a prayer by Bob Svehla (Chairman - Board of Directors).

The purpose of this meeting was for the congregation to elect six (6) Board of Directors for 2010, grant approval to proceed with the early pay off of the first mortgage, and to grant approval for the 2010 Budget as submitted.

Bob Svehla introduced the eleven (11) candidates running for Board of Directors. The ballots were distributed and sufficient time was provided for voting. The ballots were collected and taken to class room for tabulation.

Pastor Hass discussed the Ministry Plan which tells how each team will be utilizing their budgeted funds. Pastor also talked about the success of the church rummage sale that was held on Saturday, October 24th.

Bob Svehla read the recommendation of the Board of Directors to pay off early (before the end of 2009) the balance of the first mortgage which is approximately \$37,000. These funds will be taken from the Money Market account which is earning substantially less interest than the interest we are paying on the mortgage. Walt Heyne seconded the motion. After some discussion the question was called and the motion was unanimously approved.

Bob Svehla read the recommendation of the Board of Directors to approve the proposed 2010 Budget. The motion was seconded. There was discussion about the timing of the new staff person, spending on missions, year to date growth in attendance, and Pastor Hass' goal to increase weekly attendance. Bill Scholten called the question. The 2010 Budget was passed by the vast majority of members.

John Hughes brought to Bob Svehla the tabulated results for the election of the 2010 Board of Directors. Bob then read the names of the following individuals who were elected: Mark Bernthal, Miriam Gustaf, John Moldenhauer, Gene Roy, Leighann Suurmeyer, and Bob Svehla.

Pastor Hass closed the meeting with a prayer and then lead the congregation in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Norm Roesener

Secretary, Board of Directors

Attendance = 105 Members