

**SWEDISH LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WASHINGTON, D.C.**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**MARCH 6, 2011**  
**AT AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH**

- 1. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Anna-Carin Rooney.
- 2. Proof of Notice.** The meeting had been announced in each of two previous monthly Newsletters and Proof of Notice was approved.
- 3. Agenda.** The agenda, which had been printed in the February Newsletter, was approved. Anna-Carin in presenting the agenda also expressed the meeting's gratitude to various members for their valuable contributions to the congregation.
- 4. Election of Chairperson and Secretary of Meeting.** Anna-Carin Rooney was elected Chairperson of the meeting, and Eva Dunhem was elected Secretary.
- 5. Approval of Minutes from 2010 Annual Meeting.** The minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting, which was held Sunday, March 7, 2010, and were printed in the latest Newsletter, were approved.
- 6. The Report of the Church Council and Church Activities Report** were presented by Anna-Carin Rooney and approved by the congregation.
- 7. The Treasurer's Report.** The report for 2010 was presented by Peter Edwardsson. He explained that the revenue had declined, due to fewer members for 2010 than the year before (2009) and also due to the fact that a major snowstorm cancelled the service in February. As a result of the Church Council taking measures in controlling some expenses such as printing and mailing, the result for the year was a loss of only \$1,521.
- 9. The Auditor's Report.** The report by the Auditors Kenneth Hamilton and Eva Dunhem was presented by Kenneth Hamilton.
- 10. Adoption of the Reports and Accounts.** There was a motion to adopt the Auditor's report and the accounts. The motion was seconded and the Auditor's report and the accounts were adopted by the meeting.
- 11. Review and Adoption of Budget for 2011.** The proposed budget for 2011 was presented by Peter Edwardsson. Anna-Carin explained that we always give the Church offerings from our Advent service to the Augustana Lutheran Church. She described the possibility that Augustana Lutheran Church will ask us for more donations to the renovation of the church as the heating system needs to be replaced. We right now have a very advantageous arrangement regarding rent with the Augustana Lutheran Church, as we have a close relationship going back many years in time. As it is an old church,

repairs are getting more expensive and we have to keep in mind the possibility that they might ask for rent closer to what the market allows.

Eva Perdahl discussed the expense of \$1,650 for the Social Ministry. She reminded us that if we each in our offerings give extra only half of what a Starbucks Cappuccino costs, we as a congregation would have no problem covering the \$1,650 to the Social Ministry. She also suggested that we every couple of months, at least every six months, publish our budget and also a report of where we stand in fulfilling our goals.

Eva Perdahl asked our Pastor Mona Svensson if she thinks there will be an increase in what we as a congregation have to pay to SKUT (New York). Pastor Mona Svensson said that she had spoken to Stefan Bergmark and that they do not have any plans to ask for more money, actually, she (Pastor Mona Svensson) will try to negotiate a decrease in fee to SKUT as she and SKUT believes that the congregation in Washington DC is important.

**12. Nomination and Election of Church Council members.** The Nominating Committee - Christina Lazdins and Monica Andersson proposed for a two year term (03/2011 – 03/2013):

- Christina Lazdins – secretary (to replace Bengt Boström)
- Anneli Sexton – membership
- Eva Hess – at large, and
- Helen Sundquist - youth coordinator.

The following members have one more year on their current terms:

- Anna-Carin Rooney – chairperson
- Peter Edwardsson – Treasurer
- Gunnel Hamilton – Newsletter
- Arne Dunhem – at large
- Ann-Marie Brisbois – at large, and
- Eva Perdahl – at large.
- Erland Magnusson – at large

**13. Election of Church Council.** The meeting accepted and approved the Nominating Committee's proposal for the members of the Church Council.

**14. Nomination and Election of Auditors.** Kenneth Hamilton who had one year left of his two-year term, resigned as Auditor. Monica Andersson offered to finish Kenneth Hamilton's term as auditor, 03/2011 – 03/2012. The meeting accepted the proposal of Auditors by the nominating Committee and elected Eva Dunhem for a two year term, 03/2011 – 03/2013 and Monica Andersson for 03/2011 – 03/2012.

**15. Nomination and Election of Nominating Committee Members.** Annika O'Hara and Ragnar Magnusson volunteered and were elected by the meeting for the year 003/2011 – 03/2012.

**16. Suggested Activities for 2011.**

- Picnic in June after the Church Service
- Potluck sometimes in the fall
- Retreat in October
- Confirmation group to start this fall
- Fundraising dinner at maybe \$100/person
- Pea soup dinner

**17. Other Business/Motions.**

- The new Bishop for SKUT, Sven-Bernhard Fast, will visit our congregation in Washington, DC, April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. The official installation of Pastor Mona Svensson will then be held in New York on April 10. Everyone from the Congregation is invited.
- Pastor Mona Svensson reminded us that SKUT requires our congregation to use Swedish as the “working” language for our Church in order for them to support us.
- There was a suggestion to raise the membership fee for next year with
  - \$5 per person from \$30 to \$35
  - \$10 per family from \$40 to \$50
  - Keep the fee for student the same at \$5

**18. Adjournment,** Anna-Carin thanked the participants and the meeting was adjourned.

**Respectfully Submitted,** *Eva Dunhem*, Secretary of the 2011 Annual Meeting