

**Southfield Reformed Presbyterian Church**  
**Congregational Meeting Minutes**  
**January 23, 2010**

Having determined that there was a quorum of one quarter of the active resident communicant membership the chairman, Jeff Manring, called the annual congregational meeting of the Southfield Reformed Presbyterian Church to order at 9:40 a.m. on January 23, 2010.

Elder Jim Curtis led in prayer. Nathan Curtis read from Luke 1:68-75 and Psalm 37C was sung from the new Psalter *The Book of Psalms for Worship*.

Scott W. Porter moved that speaking privileges be granted to non-members. The motion was seconded and passed.

The minutes of the January 24, 2009 annual meeting were read and approved.

Jon Hughes moved to dispense with the reading of the reports while allowing for comments to be made on the reports. The motion was seconded and passed.

1. Katie Sharp noted that the Youth Group report was submitted by John and Laura Kim and Travis Sharp as well as herself.
2. Laura Kim noted that Charlotte Adams “resigned” from 35 years of teaching the very young children in the Sabbath School. She was recognized by the congregation and chairman for her service.
3. Rachel Adams noted that there was also a special dinner during the Westminster Assembly Conference with Dr. Wayne Spear.
4. Scott W. Porter noted, and the congregation recognized, the many years of service by Dr. Bruce Adams on the Session as he retired from that this past year.

Wendy Hughes moved that the reports be received with the corrections noted. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Old Business:**

Regarding the installation of new toilets in the church, Deacon Jeff Manring noted that the Deacon Board is still planning on doing that as well as refurbishing the men’s room.

The chairman brought up the possibility of doing a church camping retreat this year since it was not done in 2009. Nothing further was decided on that.

**New Business:**

Vacation Bible School: Becky Manring moved that instead of our regular VBS this year we ask the students from the seminary’s Theological Foundations for Youth program (July 5-12) to come and run a week-long backyard Bible School in the neighborhoods of SRPC members. The motion was seconded and passed. The SOW committee will work out the logistics of this with the students and families.

A short break was taken and the meeting resumed with the singing of *The Book of Psalms for Worship* selection 88A.

Budget: Deacon Scott W. Porter presented the budget for 2010. It was noted that a \$2000 pledge for Immanuel RP Church’s new building was not in the budget and will come from savings now that they have moved into their new building. Jim Curtis moved that we approve the budget as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

Building Use: Charlotte Adams asked that special groups that use the church building for things not normally scheduled take care to let Luke Adams know so that he can better plan when to clean the building (which is usually done Saturday morning).

Worship Schedule: Pastor Faris introduced a time of discussion regarding the Lord's Day worship schedule. He reminded everyone that a perfect schedule that accommodates everyone's needs and desires cannot be found and that decisions regarding schedule changes lie with the Session and that they desire to hear the thoughts and suggestions of the congregation.

In the discussion, members provided input on the variety of schedules that have been tried over the last few months. Colleen Curtis distributed a proposed schedule of events and meal arrangements. Many stated their desires orally. Some expressed preferences for an afternoon worship service, others for interactive small groups (which could be held at various times and in various places on the Lord's Day), and others for opportunities to host members for hospitality in homes. Members stated concerns related to our care for the elderly and those driving from a distance, our care for Lawrence Technological University students, the need to be alert in worship, the need for rest on the Lord's day, members work schedules, our ministry at Evergreen Health and Living Center, and other general ministry concerns. The greatest consensus seemed to come regarding a desire for fellowship time – some desiring over lunch and others over the “bagel break” which was already tried once between worship and Sabbath school class. Many members expressed a desire to begin the day with worship rather than Sabbath school. The Session received the feedback with thanks.

#### Other Items

The Nominating Committee presented the new slate of officers for 2010. Jim Curtis moved that the slate be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Volunteers were assigned to the various committees for 2010.

Jon Hughes moved that the next annual congregational meeting be set for Saturday, January 22, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at the church. The motion was seconded and passed.

Pastor Faris prayed for the new officers and volunteers and the work of the church.

Pastor Faris moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m. after the singing of *The Book of Psalms for Worship* selection 96A.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Manring, Chairman  
Jon Hughes, Secretary

## **SOUTHFIELD REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

### **2010 Congregational Officers**

Chairman:	Jeff Manring
Assistant Chairman:	Scott W. Porter
Sabbath School Superintendent:	Laura Kim
Recording Secretary:	Jon Hughes
Corresponding Secretary:	Rachel Schaefer
Treasurer:	Wendy Hughes
Assistant Treasurer:	Nathan Curtis
Sabbath School Committee:	Laura Kim (Chairman), Drue Porter, Hannah Curtis
Youth Group Leaders:	John and Laura Kim, Travis and Katie Sharp

### **Volunteers for 2010**

Audit Committee:	Scott W. Porter, Colleen Curtis, Dwight Adams
Sabbath-Noon Lunches:	Hannah Curtis, Rachel Adams
Social Committee:	Rachel Adams, Wendy Hughes, Nancy Hardman, Laura Kim, Becky Manring, Elizabeth Faris, Jessie Shell
Psalm Board:	Angie Kim, Emily Porter
Librarian:	Laura Kim, Colleen Curtis
Nursery:	Elizabeth Faris, Becky Manring, Rachel Schaefer
Ushers:	Luke Adams, Cameron Adams, Darrell Jacobson, Joe Porter, Nathan Curtis, Dwight Adams
Service Outreach and Witness Committee:	James and Elizabeth Faris, Jeff and Becky Manring, John and Laura Kim, Maggie Porter, Angie Kim, Dwight Adams