

**Bethel United Church of Christ Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**February 8, 2015**

Outgoing President Paula Ramold called the meeting to order, Pastor Bill Switzer opened with a prayer. Jason Holman read the minutes from the previous meeting with one correction of it being the Election Meeting not the Annual Meeting. Dean Biere made the motion and Gene Nannen Seconded that the minutes stand as corrected.

The annual reports were acknowledged, and with no unfinished business, outgoing President Paula Ramold thanked the council members and Sarah Bando, for all of their help for the past year and then turned over the meeting to the 2015 Church Council Chairman, Lenny Tietz.

Tietz thanked outgoing Chairman Paula Ramold, and the outgoing Council members of Jan Pummel and Cindy Weible, for all that they had done over the past year especially with the additional challenges including the Pastor transition, change in insurance, and replacing the furnaces. He also thanked the current members of Dean Griepenstroh, Jason Holman, and Gene Nannen, and welcomed the new members of David Carpenter, Jennifer Hamilton, and Peg Johnson.

Tietz reported that this year's challenges will still include the Pastor transition. Additional challenges this year include: continuing without Frank Malzer's help with the buildings and grounds; updates on the parsonage; and moving forward with the elevator project.

In new business, Adelene Vock made a motion to change the bylaws from stating that it takes 60 voting members to make a quorum, to voting members present. Gene Nannen seconded, and the motion carried. Chairman Tietz stated that he would form a Bylaws Committee to go over this, and update any other issues.

Tietz entertained a motion to adjourn. Gene Nannen made the motion to adjourn, Burt Weible seconded. Motion carried. The meeting closed with a prayer from Pastor Bill.

Respectfully submitted by  
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Secretary Pro Tem

