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AGENDA

Fifty-Third Annual Meeting of the Congregation June 14, 2009

Agenda for Eastgate Annual Meeting, 6/14/09

Welcome – Karen Jones, Moderator

Opening Prayer – Pastor Rick

Determination of Quorum

Review and Acceptance of 2008 Annual Meeting minutes

Nominating Committee

Jubilee Year – a time to find new areas of inspiration and giftedness

Motion to suspend Constitution to postpone new Board and Officer Positions until

September

Please go to our website to use “Nominate Someone – Acknowledge Each Other’s Gifts”
survey

Working Groups – summary and questions

Review of the Book of Annual Reports

Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY – SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

Karen Jones, Moderator called the meeting to order.
Pastor Rick Russell offered an opening prayer.
Karen called for a quorum; the clerk established that there was a quorum.
The Minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting were accepted as written. m/s/p

Board and Committee Members: ACTION: Moved to set aside the Constitution on the nominating report for this year and keep boards and committees status. With any new members during the year to be approved by the Council as the opportunity arises. m/s/p. (Rationale: We are changing our way of doing business to more of spiritual discernment and we did not have an active nominating committee. It would be good to have consistency in the progress at this time. Boards hope to recruit new members as they are needed.)

Members of boards and committees who were not reported as remaining or leaving.. Christian Outreach-Parker Jones remaining. Trustees-Frank Morales, Glenn Hall leaving, Parish Care-Joyce Bashey leaving. Stewardship-Bill Stanley remaining.

Diaconate and Trustees need more members. There were a few volunteers.
Trustees-Tom Montgomery (need at least one more). Diaconate-Carol Stanley, Lori Bauer.
Christian Outreach-Caitie Jones.
Delegates for Conference Annual Meeting- Sally Montgomery, Marti Oien, Parker Jones-youth, Pastor Rick. Frank Morales is the third delegate and it needs to be confirmed that he is going to be doing this in 2009. Howard Osborn and/or Carolyn Osborn will be alternates. Motion to accept these nominees and the remaining board members. m/s/p

Book of Reports: Comments/corrections as needed.

Treasurers Report: Gerry Lakin approved a balanced budget and said “we are close”. See the written report in the Book of Reports. Marti Oien asked that the Endowment Fund be given its own line item number. It was agreed that Gerry would do that. We still do owe ourselves \$15,000 that we incurred in 1998.

Diaconate Report: Bill Stanley asked that last line in the sixth paragraph read “Bill will continue being the choir director for 2007-2008 until the end of summer 2008 or until a replacement is found before then. Sally corrected the membership account. Joyce Healy and Ann Michaelson were both members prior to this year. (see Clerk’s report). Christian Outreach: Carol Ready reports that the benevolences of \$12,232.90 listed on page 23 are above and beyond those benevolences which are part of our annual budget. (Free-will giving). Christian Education: Please add the Vacation Day Camp which is going to take place on August 4, 5, 6, 7.

Trustees: Alan Bauer suggested “that since we are so generous with others, why don’t we come up with a plan to be generous with our selves with the idea of repairing our faculty where it definitely needs it.” It was suggested that we have a celebration of some kind in order to rebuild our giving.

Endowment Fund: We have been given 200 Microsoft shares, plus received memorials and now we have \$14,638 in the Endowment Fund. Marti again asked that we have a line item dedicated to the EF.

ACTION: Motion to accept the Book of Reports as corrected. m/s/p

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY – SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

Old Business: Parking Lot. Glenn Hall reported on other estimates. It was reported that two of those companies doing estimates, that at this time our parking lot does not need repaved at this time. . Seattle Service will be the contractor. The motion was to accept the proposal of the Trustees. m/s/p. See below.

“The Trustees have conducted a thorough investigation of issues related to improving the parking lot. After reviewing several estimates, it was determined that the parking lot can be improved by resealing the surface rather than resurfacing the lot. The Council approved this selection and recommended presenting this option to the Congregation for a vote. The Trustees selected the estimate of Seattle Service in the amount of \$14,655 plus tax for a total of \$16,014. This cost will be paid using monies from the Building fund. The work to be done includes repair and repaving around drain grates and tree roots, replacing broken grating bricks, sealing cracks, applying two coats of sealer, adding new curbing, restriping parking stalls, adding directional arrows at the lot entrance and exit, removing vegetation where new curbing will be placed, power washing/vacuuming the lot surface. Refurbishing our parking lot will improve safety, longevity and appearance of our parking lot. The Trustees and Council ask that you support this proposal.”

ACTION: Motion was made to accept this proposal. m/s/p

Update on Action Plan. Karen explained the steps and progress of our vision plan, noting that we are on the end of that path as it is at this time. We have a priority list of what we want to accomplish in the next 3 years of five actions. The next step will be to form action teams around these priorities. We have a Purpose statement that is “We are a community called to: Worship God, Be servants with Christ, Grow in Love, Faith and Spirit. Our vision priorities are the following:

Vision Priorities

Grow young family presence and participation

Sunday Church School

Invitation and follow through

Curriculum and Christian education

Governance

Streamline constitution

Resize/restructure boards and committees as needed

Strategize for financial stability

Deal with landlord status, which may involve getting out of the role or a partnership relationship

Develop a capital fund for major projects (i.e. replacing roof, windows)

Deepen member’s spiritual growth

Experiences and spiritual practices

Develop spiritual confidence partnership with neighborhood to serve community needs

Includes steps to become a green church.

Respectfully submitted

Sally Montgomery/Clerk

PASTOR

May the peace and joy of Christ be with you all. Let me begin by saying thanks be to God for you and your gifts to the church of Jesus Christ. You are each a blessing.

My report begins with thanksgiving. It was almost a year ago when my wife Jennifer was in and out of the hospital waiting for a new liver. Then, on July 20th (a Sunday, of course!), the miracle took place. We live in gratitude even as we monitor her health for recurrence of the hepatitis C virus. I want to thank everyone at Eastgate for their ongoing prayers and many deeds of support to me and my family.

I celebrate the signs of spiritual life that have taken place at Eastgate this past year. In August we held our first Vacation Church Camp (also known as VBS) in many years. Lois and Kristine did a great job in organizing this event and we had a grand time. We are already gearing up for our 2nd Annual this coming August.

The church made official its call to Bill Stanley as our Choir Director. I celebrate Bill's growth in the care of our choir members and his love of music in our worship life. Bill and I continue to promote the central place music has in our church.

I celebrate the leadership of Karen Jones as our Moderator. Karen has modeled the spiritual discernment she recommends for our decision making life.

I celebrate the working groups. Each one has a life of its own, a distinct journey of growth and exploration. I recognize they are taking more time than I had originally expected them to take. As I relax into God and God's movement, I see more clearly how God is doing a new thing in each of our working groups. A message from our work with Tony Robinson comes to mind: "Patient Urgency." We need to stay focused and on task while allowing the time it takes to do our work well.

I celebrate my Coaching for Leadership experience in February at San Francisco Theological Seminary. This event was postponed from last summer due to Jennifer's surgery. I am working on my goals of spiritual practice and self-care with productive regularity. My goal of working with men and their stories is still to take place in an organized manner.

I celebrate being 60 years old (although I cannot believe it!) and appreciate the party at Horizon House. I am mindful that this June 14th will mark the completion of 8 years of ministry here at Eastgate. I am enjoying this ministry and continue to find new ways to grow in my faith. I thank God for the opportunity to serve God in this place with this wonderful collection of people. I pray God will bless us with new ways to share the love of Jesus around our neighborhood and around the world.

Yours in Christian love, Pastor Rick

MODERATOR

Greetings in the Name of Christ to all our church family –

Much of the work of the Church Council, this year as it was last year, has been that of continuing our process of moving through our action plan. This actually began several years ago, for the purpose of bringing renewal and revitalization to our church community. In March of 2008 we developed and discerned our church purpose, which is our calling from the Holy Spirit.

We are a community called to:

Worship God, be servants with Christ, and grow in faith, love and Spirit.

This purpose statement is a reminder of God's calling for us, and I have asked all of us to keep this in mind as we have done the business of our church. As we have used this in our various meetings, it helps to keep us focused.

The next step we took was to determine our vision, which is what our purpose is calling us to do. Using Tony Robinson as our facilitator, we came up with a number of possible actions. The top five, which we adopted, are what we intend to do over the next three years.

- Grow young family presence and participation
- Governance, with streamlining the Constitution and reorganizing boards
- Strategize for financial stability, and work with landlord status and capital funds
- Deepen our spiritual growth through experience, spiritual practice and developing spiritual confidence
- Participate in our community, become a green church

Four working groups were begun for the top 4 of our vision goals. Each group has met and developed several goals and the steps needed to accomplish those goals. The young family group has goals of determining what family friendly is and having fun activities for kids and families. The goals for the governance group are to find a form of governance for us that is effective, functions well and welcomes talents and ideas; and review and revise the handbook and constitution to be in alignment with our governance structure. The financial stability group has goals around how to get capital funds, what are options with our landlord status. They have just held a series of cottage meetings to brainstorm ideas. The spiritual growth group has the goal of bringing different spiritual practices to our church community. Pastor Rick explored several different spiritual practices in our Lent series. These working groups will continue the processes they have begun to bring our vision into being. I am very grateful to the many people who have served on these working groups, and to all of our church community who have patiently answered surveys, asked and answered questions, and been involved.

We have had several other accomplishments I wish to lift up. One was that of calling our Choir Director. The Music Committee came together to review our job description, post the position and interview candidates. They then brought their recommendations to Diaconate and then to Church Council. At our September meeting, which was open to all, members had an opportunity to listen to the recommendations of the Music Committee, and to express their thoughts and feelings. We then did discernment around the question of who would best serve ECUC as Choir Director. Our discernment was Bill Stanley, and he was called to the position.

MODERATOR

I am grateful to the faithful service of those on the Music Committee, and to Bill for accepting our call.

Another accomplishment was that of reforming the Nominating Committee. This committee had been placed on hold for a year, because of all the changes going on, and members of various boards and committees asked to stay on for another year. However the governance working group recommended the Nominating Committee be reformed. Sally M., Carol S., Pastor Rick and Karen J. are the members.

I wish to thank Tom M and the rest of the Trustees. They have worked on multiple projects this year, including resealing the parking lot, working with our renters and dealing with our building. I appreciate their service. I thank Howard O and the rest of the members of the Diaconate. I appreciate their hard work to deepen the spiritual life of our community. Our Outreach programs continue to be strong and active. I thank Carol R and the rest of the members of Outreach for their enthusiasm. Our Christian Education committee continues with their wonderful ideas and accomplishments. Thanks to them we had Vacation Bible School last year, and it will happen again this summer. Thanks to Isabel R and the others on Parish Care. They have been leading the project of new counters for the kitchen. And thanks to Al Wolfe for his gift of the new stoves. I extend my thanks to Carolyn O in her role as Financial Secretary, especially in helping us and our renters stay up to date. My thanks to Sally M as our clerk - she manages to take notes at our meetings and to contribute. Thanks to Gerry L our Treasurer for keeping our expenses understandable. And I thank Marti O in her role on the Stewardship committee and all the rest of the people on the Budget committee for their work this year in getting the budget to balance. I thank all of you for the trust you have shown me in allowing me to continue as your Moderator. I thank all of you for the help you have given me, your patience and support. Keep asking questions – that is the best way to gain clarity. Keep your hearts open, in hospitality and to each other – that is the best way to be in community. And appreciate yourselves and each other – that is the best way to open your hearts. May the fire of the Holy Spirit continue to enliven us, bringing light, warmth and inspiration to ourselves and our community.

Bless each of us in the name of Christ,

Karen J.
Moderator

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Operating Budget Report through May 31, 2009 has been prepared and is shown on the next three pages. Actual income and expenses are shown in the second column, the prorated budget (5/12) thru the end of May is given in the third column, and the differences are shown in column four. The full 2009 year budget is given in the last column. Both the prorated and full budgets reflect the deletion of \$3000 in income from the NW Chinese School. The Church budget that was approved by the congregation at the January 25 budget meeting included the NW Chinese School income. The NW Chinese School has been renting our facility in prior summer months. At their April meeting, the Trustees voted to not rent to the NW Chinese School this summer. With the deletion of this income, the Church annual budget changed from the one approved in January with a \$1338 surplus to one with a \$1662 deficit.

At the end of May, income was \$63,840 and expenses were \$66,230 for a \$2,390 deficit. The major reasons for the overage were utilities (gas, electricity and water), \$2657 over budget, and music, \$1079 over budget. These expenses are historically above yearly averages for seasonal reasons and should balance out at year end. In this same time period, actual income exceeded expected amount by \$2080.

The Budget Committee consisted of Marti Oien (chair), Carol Ready, Tom Montgomery and Gerry Lakin.

An Asset/Liability Report is shown on the last pages of the Treasurer's report and includes our liquid assets, but does not include our biggest asset, the Church building and grounds. Cash balances in our Bank of America checking account was \$13,866 and in our Schwab account was \$12,514 on June 1, 2009. The Church Endowment Fund is now a separate Schwab account managed but the Stewardship Committee. Its balance on June 1, 2009 was \$13,719.

Respectively yours,

Gerry Lakin, Treasurer

EASTGATE CONGREGATIONAL UCC BUDGET REPORT – 5/31/2009

INCOME	Actual	5/12Budget	Delta	Budget
0-PLEDGES & OFFERINGS				
0-Pledges	39,093.99	37,540.00	1,553.99	90,099.00
2-Church Offering	2,475.65	3,125.00	-649.35	7,500.00
TOTAL 0-PLEDGES/OFFERINGS	41,569.64	40,665.00	904.64	97,599.00
1-BUILDING USE				
0-Sanctuary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10
1-BCC Preschool	5,315.00	3,875.00	1,440.00	9,300.00
2-OMC Church	5,625.00	5,750.00	-125.00	13,800.00
3-Other groups	545.00	415.00	130.00	1,000.00
4-Russian Church	6,775.00	6,080.00	695.00	14,600.00
5-Future Star Chinese	3,250.00	2,415.00	835.00	5,800.00
6-NW Chinese School	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
7-AA Saturday Step	320.00	205.00	115.00	500.00
TOTAL 1-BUILDING USE	21,830.00	18,740.00	3,090.00	45,001.20
2-OTHER				
1-Diverse sources	250.00	80.00	170.00	200.00
2-Interest - savings	-289.71	205.00	-494.71	500.00
3-Grant Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10
4-Metro P & R	480.00	400.00	80.00	960.00
5-Balance Forward	0.00	1,670.00	-1,670.00	4,015.00
TOTAL 2-OTHER	440.29	2,355.00	-1,914.71	5,675.10
TOTAL INCOME	63,839.93	61,760.00	2,079.93	148,275.40
EXPENSES				
0-CHRISTIAN OUTREACH				
0-OCWM	-2,958.35	-2,955.00	-3.35	-7,100.00
1-SU School Religion	-125.00	-125.00	0.00	-300.00
2-Council Gr. Seattle	-125.00	-125.00	0.00	-300.00
3-Hopelink	-40.00	-100.00	60.00	-250.00
TOTAL 0-CHRIST. OUTREACH	-3,248.35	-3,305.00	56.65	-7,950.00
1-WORSHIP				
0-PASTOR	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01
0-Salary	-10,666.70	-10,665.00	-1.70	-25,600.00
1-Pastoral Housing	-7,916.60	-7,915.00	-1.60	-19,000.00
2-Transportation	-800.00	-1,000.00	200.00	-2,400.00
3-Business expense	-775.78	-540.00	-235.78	-1,300.00
4-Annuity	-2,450.00	-2,710.00	260.00	-6,510.00
5-Medical Insurance	-4,800.00	-4,535.00	-265.00	-10,890.00
6-Unused	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01
7-FICAMCARE	-1,339.20	-1,420.00	80.80	-3,412.00
8-Disability Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01
9-Pastor's Group Life	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01
TOTAL 0-PASTOR	-28,748.28	-28,785.00	36.72	-69,112.04
1-SUPPLY MINISTER	-375.00	-415.00	40.00	-1,000.00

2-DIACONATE				
0-Devotional Supplies	0.00	-50.00	50.00	-125.00
2-Lenten Materials	-52.24	-30.00	-22.24	-75.00
3-Worship Supplies	-65.71	-215.00	149.29	-520.00
4-Choir Recognition	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01
TOTAL 2-DIACONATE	-117.95	-295.00	177.05	-720.01
3-SABBATICAL EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01
4-Intern Pastor	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01
TOTAL 1-WORSHIP	-29,241.23	-29,495.00	253.77	-70,832.07
2-CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	0.00	-20.00	20.00	-50.00
0-PROGRAM & SUPPLIES				
0-Church School supplies	-31.92	-20.00	-11.92	-50.00
1-Church Day Camp	0.00	-40.00	40.00	-100.00
2-Senior High program	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01
3-Junior High program	-25.07	0.00	-25.07	-0.01
4-Leadership training	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01
5-Church School curriculum	-329.30	-125.00	-204.30	-300.00
6-Adult Forum/Library	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01
7-Confirmation materials	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01
8-6th Grade bibles	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01
9-Nursery Child Care	-420.00	-430.00	10.00	-1,040.00
TOTAL 0-PRGM/SUPPLIES	-806.29	-615.00	-191.29	-1,490.06
TOTAL 2-CHRISTIAN ED	-806.29	-635.00	-171.29	-1,540.06
3-FELLOWSHIP & GROWTH				
0-PARISH CARE	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01
0-Cards and postage	-25.20	-45.00	19.80	-115.00
1-Dinners and events	-192.78	-30.00	-162.78	-75.00
2-Fellowship supplies	-32.99	-10.00	-22.99	-25.00
3-Child care	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01
4-donated material	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01
TOTAL 0-PARISH CARE	-250.97	-85.00	-165.97	-215.03
1-CHURCH GROWTH				
0-Printing & Promotion	0.00	-20.00	20.00	-50.00
1-Advertising	-913.60	-125.00	-788.60	-300.00
2-Evangelism & Ch. Growth	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01
3-Comment postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01
4-Comment special printing	-157.89	-175.00	17.11	-420.00
5-Qwest phone book ad	-77.75	-75.00	-2.75	-180.00
TOTAL 1-CHURCH GROWTH	-1,149.24	-395.00	-754.24	-950.02
TOTAL 3-FELLOWSHIP/GROWTH	-1,400.21	-480.00	-920.21	-1,165.05
4-MUSIC PROGRAM				
0-MATERIAL & SUPPLIES				
0-Sheet music	-104.00	-80.00	-24.00	-200.00
1-Choir robe maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01
2-Instrument maintenance	-110.00	0.00	-110.00	-0.01

3-Guest musicians	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01
4-staff Christmas gift	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01
5-Continuing education	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01
TOTAL 0-MTRL/SUPPLIES	-214.00	-80.00	-134.00	-200.05
1-MUSIC STAFF				
0-Choir Director	-2,894.70	-2,290.00	-604.70	-5,500.00
1-Organist	-3,240.00	-2,750.00	-490.00	-6,600.00
2-Substitute Organist	0.00	-150.00	150.00	-360.00
TOTAL 1-MUSIC STAFF	-6,134.70	-5,190.00	-944.70	-12,460.00
TOTAL 4-MUSIC PROGRAM	-6,348.70	-5,270.00	-1,078.70	-12,660.05
5-ADMINISTRATION				
0-STAFF & TAXES				
0-Secretary/Office Manager	-3,600.00	-3,900.00	300.00	-9,360.00
1-Custodian	-3,546.70	-3,465.00	-81.70	-8,320.00
2-Social Security/Medicare taxes				
Church FICA tax	-821.20	-765.00	-56.20	-1,846.00
Church Medicare tax	-192.08	-180.00	-12.08	-432.00
TOTAL 2- FICA & MCARE taxes	-1,013.28	-945.00	-68.28	-2,278.00
3-Labor & Industry Dues	-376.25	-375.00	-1.25	-900.00
TOTAL 0-STAFF & TAXES	-8,536.23	-8,685.00	148.77	-20,858.00
1-SERV. CHARGES/DUES				
0-Service Charges	-25.00	-40.00	15.00	-100.00
1-Pastor's Insurance Fund	-558.35	-555.00	-3.35	-1,340.00
2-UCC Conference Dues	-83.75	-80.00	-3.75	-200.00
TOTAL 1-SRV.CHRG/DUES	-667.10	-675.00	7.90	-1,640.00
2-STEWARDSHIP BOARD				
0-Covenant Print & Mail	0.00	-30.00	30.00	-75.00
TOTAL 2-STEWARDSHIP	0.00	-30.00	30.00	-75.00
3-CHURCH COUNCIL	-10.46	-205.00	194.54	-500.00
TOTAL 5-ADMINISTRATION	-9,213.79	-9,595.00	381.21	-23,073.00
6-OPERATIONS & MAIN.				
0-OFFICE EXPENSE				
0-Office equipment	-60.00	-60.00	0.00	-150.00
1-Office supplies	-551.19	-290.00	-261.19	-700.00
2-Machine maintenance & repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01
3-Postage	-218.00	-165.00	-53.00	-400.00
4-Phone and DSL internet	-288.93	-500.00	211.07	-1,200.00
TOTAL 0-OFFICE EX.	-1,118.12	-1,015.00	-103.12	-2,450.01
1-BUILDING USE EX.				
0-Electricity	-1,742.06	-1,330.00	-412.06	-3,200.00
1-Gas heat	-5,281.99	-3,250.00	-2,031.99	-7,800.00
2-Water & Sewer Service	-1,042.56	-830.00	-212.56	-2,000.00
3-Garbage service	-633.09	-665.00	31.91	-1,600.00
4-Custodial supplies	-852.56	-750.00	-102.56	-1,800.00
5-Building maintenance	-325.89	-830.00	504.11	-2,000.00
6-Grounds maintenance	-515.57	-625.00	109.43	-1,500.00

7-Contingencies	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01
TOTAL 1-BLDG USE EX.	-10,393.72	-8,280.00	-2,113.72	-19,900.01
2-ANNUAL BLDG EXPENSE				
0-Bldg & Quake insurance	-3,610.85	-3,610.00	-0.85	-8,666.00
1-Surface water fees	-548.15	-580.00	31.85	-1,400.00
2-Fire Marshall	-301.00	-125.00	-176.00	-300.00
3-Furnace maintenance contract	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01
4-UNUSED	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01
TOTAL 2-ANUL BLDG EX	-4,460.00	-4,315.00	-145.00	-10,366.02
TOTAL 6-OPERATIONS/MAINT	-15,971.84	-13,610.00	-2,361.84	-32,716.04
TOTAL EXPENSES	-66,230.41	-62,390.00	-3,840.41	-149,936.27
OVERALL TOTAL	-2,390.48	-630.00	-1,760.48	-1,660.87

EASTGATE CONGREGATIONAL UCC ASSETS & LIABILITIES – 5/31/2009

ASSETS in CASH 6/1/2009	Balance
Bank of America Checking Account	13,866.00
Charles Schwab-1243-8108	12,514.00
TOTAL ASSETS	26,380.00
LIABILITIES	
Deferred Interest Income-T-bill interest income	0.00
Payroll-FICA-FICA tax	676.51
Payroll-FWH-Federal income tax	0.00
Payroll-MCARE-Medicare tax	158.33
Quarterly Obligations-Quarterly Obligations	5,749.78
RA0.1-ENDOWMENT FUND	0.00
RA0.2-SEARCH COMMITTEE	0.00
RA0.3-THANKSGIVING EVE OFFERING	0.00
RA0.4-MUSIC FUND RAISERS	404.51
RA0.5-50th Anniversary	300.00
RA0.6-COUNCIL ACTION PLAN	626.53
RA0.7-Garden Fund	191.76
RA0.8-Coffee Fund	59.50
RA0.9-Medical Subsidy	2,565.00
RA1.1-ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING	0.00
RA1.10-Eastgate and PNW UCC Peace Tour	25.00
RA1.11-Katrina Recovery - Little Farms	60.00
RA1.2-1ST AVE SERVICE CENTER	21.74
RA1.3-EMERGENCY FEEDING PROGRAM	356.02
RA1.4-SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY	0.00
RA1.5-NEIGHBORS IN NEED	500.00
RA1.6-CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING	0.00

RA1.7-REFUGEE AID	0.00
RA1.8-SPECIAL OFFERINGS	1,782.53
RA1.9-Henan Province Mission	80.00
RA2.0-RATAICHAK MISKIMEN CHRISTIAN ED FUND	124.05
RA2.1-CONFIRMATION CLASS	97.08
RA2.2-SENIOR HIGH FUND	595.42
RA2.2.1-JUNIOR HIGH FUND	383.20
RA2.3-Christain Education Fund	591.21
RA2.4-NURSERY FUND	53.11
RA2.5-BIBLE FUND	0.00
RA2.6-CHURCH SCH EFP	28.76
RA2.7-VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	-58.41
RA3.0-PARISH CARE MEMORIALS	236.55
RA4-BLDG/CAPITAL ACCTS	0.00
RA4.0-CAPITAL IMPROVMENT FUND	3,029.23
RA4.1-BUILDING FUND	18,559.14
RA4.2-NEW ORGAN FUND	3,907.30
RA4.3-Grant - 2nd Half 2006	185.00
RA5-TRUSTEES	0.00
RA5.0-MISCELLANEOUS	700.00
RA5.1-PREPAID PLEDGES	0.00
RA5.10-Morton Memorial	570.00
RA5.12-FLOWER FUND	49.09
RA5.13-OMC Deposit Fund	830.00
RA5.14-Future Star Chinese School	625.00
RA5.15-Preschool Deposit Fund	0.00
RA5.16-Pawlick Memorial	683.68
RA5.17-Rental deposits withheld	500.00
RA5.18-Russian Church Deposit	25.00
RA5.19-Mission Trip Fund	69.56
RA5.2-UNDESIGNATED MEMORIALS	0.00
RA5.20-NW Chinese School	0.00
RA5.21-KLEP MEMORIAL	745.00
RA5.22-Tent City 4	11.40
RA5.23-Mary Wolfe Memorial Fund	262.24
RA5.24-Richard Royalty Memorial	1,035.80
RA5.3-McCOURT MEMORIAL	15.75
RA5.4-FRANCISCO MEMORIAL	201.56
RA5.4.1-Miskimen Memorial	-66.26
RA5.4.1B-B Francisco Memorial	0.00
RA5.5-Jerry Leggett Peace Tour	0.00
RA5.6-RICKEY MEMORIAL	260.67
RA5.6.1-Hall Memorial	0.00
RA5.7-ENDICOTT MEMORIAL	0.00
RA5.7.1-Linda Johnson Memorial	0.00
RA5.8-Theodorson Memorial	0.00

RA5.8.2-Kappel Memorial	65.00
RA6-FELLOWSHIP	0.00
RA6.0-WOMEN'S RETREAT	144.55
RA6.1-MEN'S FELLOWSHIP	79.06
RA6.2-RUMMAGE SALE	0.00
RA6.3-DANCE	0.00
RA7.0-PEGRAM BUILDING FUND	0.00
RA7.1-RETAINED EARNINGS	-17,993.91
RA7.2-Miscellaneous Charges	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	30,102.04
OVERALL TOTAL	-3722.00

CHURCH CLERK

Our current membership is 78.

This year our church congregation was saddened by the deaths of

- Bill Burke –October 12, 2008
- Frances Hoganson – March 16, 2009

Carolyn and Glenn Hall have left the church and returned to Mercer Island. The clerk has had no official document on this.

We received into membership: All by Affirmation of Faith

- Chrissy Rittenhouse September 21, 2008
- Linda Hild May 31, 2009
- Marvin Hild May 31, 2009
- Sherryl Davey May 31, 2009
- Alan Davey May 31, 2009

There have been no Baptisms or Christenings

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The members of the board and the tasks that they are the focal points for are:

Paul Jones – Negotiator of renter contracts, and liaison with the Russian Center for Spiritual Enrichment (RCSE) and the Oriental Mission Church (OMC).

Jill Lakin – Personnel person for the Church Secretary and Custodian, liaison with the Bellevue College Preschool and the Future Star Chinese School, and is the supplies coordinator.

Michael Carlson – Building Maintenance.

Alan Bauer – Financial Trustee and handles grounds work.

Tom Montgomery – Chairperson and Board Secretary.

We were fortunate to have church members who saw something that needed doing and just did it! I'm sure there are some that I am not aware of but I do know of two and would like to acknowledge George Rostykus and Howard Osborn.

The parking lot upgrade was finished last August. I would like to acknowledge Glenn Hall for continuing as focal point for the job after he left the Trustees. Once the streetlight was upgraded through Michael's efforts and the school construction workers stopped parking in our lot through Jill's efforts, things were looking good!

The position of Church Secretary changed twice this past year. James Kiniry, last year's secretary, obtained a full-time job and had to leave immediately for scheduled training. Shawnee Russell stepped in admirably until her other endeavors required more of her time. Our current Church Secretary is Ruthee Harlow, who is doing a fine job!

On top of the work that the Trustees are expected to do, there were some tough decisions to make, of which three stand out. One was to not renew the contract of the Northwest Chinese School (summertime day care) which was a hit to the church budget. There were several reasons, one of which was to enhance our own schedule this summer.

The second was the closing of the Nursery to the RCSE and the OMC. They were not following the rules on proper use and behavior which was very upsetting to those that had put a great deal of time and money into making the room clean and attractive. The RCSE responded as I had hoped both churches would, proposing how they will solve their problem and suggesting a trial period to prove it. This was accepted (and they have). The OMC recently said they hope to address their problem soon.

The third problem involved vandalism that occurred during a recital sponsored by the RCSE Choir Director. Jill and Gerry Lakin were called to handle the immediate situation and helped to do cleanup work. The RCSE was very concerned about this, and through their efforts they determined that several boys who were guests at the recital were responsible. The boys apologized to all parties affected, and the parent agreed with my list of what must be rectified.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

There are, however, pleasant things to report. This coming August the kitchen counter tops (including the center island) will be upgraded thanks to the hard work of Isabel and George Rostykus. They have coordinated the entire job. The kitchen will be 'down' several weeks but the timing of the job should cause minimal impact on all parties.

We continue to support the neighboring area through the use of our building by several Girl Scout Troops and the Saturday morning women's AA group. This year a new men's AA group asked to use a room in our building on Tuesday evenings, and the group is doing well. We also accommodated the West Sammamish Garden Club for five of their monthly meetings while their regular meeting place was being renovated.

This is the time of the year when the contracts with our renters are being negotiated. We have made an attempt to look at each renter's usage to determine proper rent and contract changes rather than apply a fixed percentage for all. More work should be done to arrive at proper criteria especially since this supports the Vision Statement concerning financial stability.

Increasing building maintenance and the corresponding cost of it is also part of the same Vision Statement. We will shortly be addressing problems with the front entry window mullions and with the eaves behind the Sanctuary.

The Trustees are at a low in their membership and, as presented initially in this report, most have multi-task job descriptions. We definitely need at least one new member since Alan will be leaving the board. I plan to take on the financial job as of now which leaves the board secretary job (which has suffered the most under me) available.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Montgomery
Trustee Chair

DIACONATE BOARD

Members serving the Diaconate Board during the past year were: Howard Osborn, George Rostykus, Lori Bauer, and Sylvia Sotelo.

As of June 2008, our servicing members were Howard Osborn, Lori Bauer and George Rostykus. We also had assistance from other church members for Diaconate support throughout the 2008-2009 program year. Sylvia Sotelo and Sherryl Davey also helped us as informal members for the day to day operational needs. Karen Jones continued to help us with music committee functions until a formal committee was established. In March 2009 Sylvia became a formal Deacon.

As Deacons, we all supported the worship functions. Carolyn Hall began coordination of flowers and artwork until she left the church in September. Thereafter, we all supported that function. Lori Bauer was our music interface. George was Diaconate treasurer and scribe. Howard was the Diaconate chairperson. Sylvia and Sherryl provided support as needed.

Beginning June 2008 we performed a search for a new Director of Music which concluded in September with our acceptance of Bill Stanley as our Choir Director.

As a continuing concern we have been given a keyboard loaned to the church through Berry Zimmerman. We promised that we would either use it or return it. I am happy to report that the Electric Keyboard is now in service, we finally used it on Easter 2009.

Pastor Rick has been conducting Bible Study classes throughout the year. Currently they are being held on Saturday mornings, and meeting in the homes of those attending. The Bible passages studied are those used the next day during the church service.

We began our church vision working groups in September which continued throughout the year. In September Rick attended one of the best retreats he has ever had at Holden Village a progressive Lutheran Retreat Center (Holdenvillage.org) at Lake Chelan.

Tony Robinson and others helped us throughout the year with our Building Ministry teams. He provided a Church Vitality Workshop in October.

We participated in the joint choir concert at the Thanksgiving Eve services with the Korean church. The Russian congregation was unable to share their voices this year but we hope that future celebrations will include our Russian friends.

Our heavy snow in December caused cancellation of our Christmas Service. It was postponed to the following Sunday when we had the Christmas pageant and the Christmas Eve worship all rolled into the same service. The programs all played together nicely and all were entertained, amazed and gratified by our congregation's ability to think on our feet and rework the three programs into one.

During the Men's Retreat in February, our women developed and presented a worship service as they had in preceding years. Our congregation's women provided the service on the first Sunday in February during Women's week. This service was a blessing and was very well received by those lucky enough to be in attendance. The women had done such a great job that we recommend a women's service be held sometime during the year when the men can enjoy the service too. It also has been recommended that the men develop and present a worship service during the upcoming year.

DIACONATE BOARD

In February we celebrated an Intergenerational Service hosted by the Christian Ed Committee. This was our opportunity to see our young families participate in our worship. It was expertly presented, appreciated and well accepted by those in attendance.

In February we had an Ash Wednesday service that was held in Fellowship Hall, and was attended by a small but mighty group from our congregation.

Pastor Rick attended a training event called Coaching for Leadership held in San Francisco the first of March. He met with his coach, Carolyn Foster, and she helped him to set up his leadership goals. Rick's goals are as follows:

1. Learn and practice Spiritual Disciplines for personal growth and for ministry with the folks at Eastgate.
2. Practice self-care through a regular program of exercise, healthy diet, and adequate rest.
3. Identify and implement ways to help men in the church tell their stories.

Also in March the four Lenten Wednesday night Soup and Bread gatherings and discussions on Spiritual Practices worked wonders for our congregational with 15-20 people attending each week. Jan Wood discussed Spiritual Direction with soup and bread on the 18th. We skipped one gathering on Wednesday the 25th to help celebrate Pastor Rick's 60th birthday. All those in attendance made a large donation of beef stew to be given to the feeding program.

Easter week included a Passover Seder meal and Maundy Thursday worship with a nice sized group attending.

It was reported in early 2008 that our organ needed to be repaired and the cost would be between \$4000 and \$20,000 for repairs on the organ including the sound mixer. This was forwarded to the Trustees Board to be worked as church maintenance and is still under study.

This year our Deacons have successfully shepherded other lay leaders in our congregation to help as liturgists and assist in our worship service. This continued to be a major success. Karen as Moderator had many jobs but continued to assist the Diaconate and served on the Music Committee as well as being a liturgist.

After two years using a pre-printed bulletin from the conference, we have agreed to return to the original form prepared by us. This will allow for inclusion of worship items together with information and schedules of interest and concern to our congregation.

A formal Music committee consisting of Carolyn Osborn, Sherri Brown, Doris Kann, and Lori Bauer supported by Pastor Rick and Karen Jones was established. They will work with the congregation and with the choir director in an effort to satisfy the music needs of our church. They will provide reviews to Bill evaluating his performance, his choice of music and to suggest ways to improve our music program.

During Pastor Rick's absence throughout the year, we were blessed with our guest ministers, Bob Fitzgerald, Joan Henjum, Cameron Sharp, Gail Crouch and others.

DIACONATE BOARD

We supported the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Church of Christ April 24th -26th. Our delegates and guests joined other UCC members for the formal election of Committee members, Board of Directors and officers for the Pacific Northwest Conference. We worked the business of the conference as well as attending workshops and area meetings to discuss the concerns of all our UCC churches.

Tony Robinson continued to support us with his Leadership Training classes to help us with our church renewal. He also helped us discern our church vision in May.

We have made a few worship changes. Each month, usually the last Sunday, we have PowerPoint presentations. The hymns, prayers and other items in the program are displayed on the screen. During this time, the choir has been sitting in the pews with the congregation without their choir robes. They stand in front of the altar to sing the anthem.

Eastgate Congregational UCC attended a very successful church retreat at Pilgrim Firs with Wayside Congregational UCC May 1st-3. There were thirteen from Eastgate and about thirty from Wayside plus Kaila Russell and daughter from Tolt UCC. Kaila accepted our invitation to attend the retreat and to teach us of her love of basket weaving. Saturday was spent learning how to make baskets. The adults and the children all made beautiful baskets and all had a wonderful time learning a new art. It was the hit of the retreat. Saturday night was the Talent Show. The adults and children of both congregations entered the talent show and displayed their talents. The evenings were spent playing games, visiting and getting to know each other. Wayside provided a closing worship on Sunday morning.

In April we had a wonderful memorial service for a long time Eastgate church friend Fran Hoganson.

Doug & Liz Searles presented a workshop May 17th on their missionary work. Our church voted to provide support to them on this endeavor.

Our new Pacific NW Conference Minister, Mike Denton met with us to help us continue work on needed revision to our structure and constitution. During the year, he also brought us up to date on activities of the home UCC office.

May 28th on Pentecost Sunday we celebrated our inclusion of four new members, Sherryl Davey, Alan Davey, and Linda and Marv Hild.

Respectfully Submitted,

Howard Osborn
Chair of the Diaconate

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Board members: Marti Oien, Bill Stanley, Al Wolfe, with help from Sally Montgomery.

"The World of the Generous Gets Larger and Larger" was the Theme for the Pledge Campaign in the fall of 2008. The Parish Care Board prepared a delicious dinner which was well-attended. Mike Denton, Conference Minister, spoke following the dinner and emphasized the need for continued support of our church's activities, especially when so many people are finding themselves in financial difficulty.

The total pledge dollars came to \$90,653, a slight decrease from last year's total. The church membership did well to support the budget during this troubled financial time.

We have moved the funds for the Endowment Fund to a new account at Charles Schwab to keep these funds separate from the Building Fund account. More recently we have participated in the Financial Stability work group.

Respectfully submitted,
Stewardship Board

PARISH CARE

Members: Inga Degnan, Becky Jones, Ann Michaelson, Sonne Rittenhouse, and Isabel Rostykus

The year started with our annual planning and organizing while enjoying a salad luncheon. Each member accepted a responsibility and faithfully carried them out. One day in the summer was devoted to cleaning and organizing the kitchen. Many cards of encouragement were sent to members and friends.

We sponsored the church's annual fall picnic to start the new church year; helped with the annual Advent potluck in December; worked with the secretary to publish a new Church Directory and Phone tree. We supported the Stewardship Committee by arranging and serving the annual Stewardship Dinner in October.

In March the board was responsible for organizing and serving refreshments for the reception after the death of long time member, Frances Hoganson.

Plans are under way for a salad potluck the last Sunday in June to celebrate the start of summer as we scale down many church activities.

Regretfully we will be accepting Inga Degnan's wish to retire from the board. She has been a faithful, hardworking member of this board for six years.

Thank you, Inga

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

A highlight of the program year was the Vacation Church Camp held in August. The theme was 'Worship, Serve, and Grow.' It was great success. The children loved the crafts, stories and activities. No one was frustrate or bored, and there was plenty of adult supervision. Ten percent of the participants were 'walk-in' registrants. All of the Church's young families participated. Plans are to repeat this year.

Sunday School continued under the able leadership of Bobbie Royalty as intermediate teacher and Kristine and Lois helping with the younger kids. The curriculum for the 2008-2009 school year was "Seasons of the Spirit." The Board decided to show movies to all of the children on the first Sunday of each month (and serve popcorn).

A seasonal highlight was the Thanksgiving Sunday Service. On November 23rd, the service was family-oriented, with youth and kids involved in planning and leading the entire service. The theme was gratitude.

The Advent Celebration was on Saturday December 6th, at 3:30.

The Christmas Pageant was postponed to the Sunday after Christmas due to snow, but was a special combination of the pageant and the candle-lighting service.

The Nursery was staffed during Sunday Services primarily by Shawnee Russell and sometimes by Caitlin Jones. Both have done fine work and we are grateful to have their services.

The Board wishes to recognize and thank Lori Bauer for making the beautiful cover for the crib in the nursery.

The Youth Program this year was sporadic due to the busy schedules of the young people. There were several activities, like bowling, roller-skating, and billiards. The youth helped paint the middle class room and helped out in worship on occasion. Confirmation was not held this year but will start this fall.

Bible Study classes started in September, on Saturday mornings in members' homes. They are ongoing and have been well received.

Pastor Rick has conducted occasional adult education classes during the year. The Soup and Bread Lenten Program was well attended. The classes were about various Spiritual Disciplines.

The Board wishes to thank Debbie Leahy for her service to the Board as the best scribe ever.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Rick, for the Christian Education Board

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH BOARD

Taking seriously our call "to be servants in the service of the whole human family", the people of Eastgate Congregational United Church of Christ reach out to the world in a multitude of ways:

- Each month the Outreach Board packs and delivers nine medium food bags to the Emergency Feeding Program. We also provide two Infant Bags. Our church has participated in this program since the late 1970's. (Approx. 2008-2009 value: \$3500)
- In June 2008 we collected "Kid Friendly" food for the Emergency Feeding Program to help low-income families meet the nutritional needs of their children who don't have school lunch programs available during the summer. We plan to participate again in 2009. (Approx. 2008 value: \$426)
- In July 2008 we collected school supplies for Congregations for Kids. We were one of more than 20 faith communities, with the help of a service club and grants from three organizations, which helped over 1000 low-income students in the Bellevue Public Schools get off to a good start in the 2008-2009 school year. We plan to participate again in 2009. (Approx. 2008 value: \$628)
- In October 2008 several members of our congregation worked with the interfaith group Together We Build on the Habitat for Humanity project at Snoqualmie Ridge. While some folks labored at the build site, others worked in the kitchen at Bellevue Christian Church to provide food for those site workers. Fourteen members and friends of our congregation attended the Habitat spring fundraising luncheon in April to support this project financially. In October 2009 TWB will again be working at Snoqualmie Ridge and at a second project in Issaquah.
- Donations to the 2008 Thanksgiving Eve offering (in the amount of \$281) went to Hopelink's Emergency Services Fund.
- Our 2008 Christmas Eve Offering was evenly divided between the UCC Christmas Offering, Eastside Baby Corner, and Food Lifeline. (Offering total: \$724)
- For the ninth consecutive year, we participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday collection of soup and money. All our contributions were donated to the Emergency Feeding Program. (Approx. 2009 value: \$300)
- On May 3rd, several Eastgate folk walked in Bellevue's Eighth Annual CROP WALK. CROP WALKS support Church World Service's efforts to alleviate hunger locally and around the world. (2009: \$756)
- We also participate in three more of our denomination's special offerings--One Great Hour of Sharing in the spring (2009: \$750) and Neighbors in Need in the fall (2008: \$520)--and a portion of our income is contributed to Our Church's Wider Mission (2008: \$7100). On May 31st we participated in the UCC's Strengthen the Church Offering (2009: \$315). In addition we donate to Seattle University's School of Theology and the Church Council of Greater Seattle on a quarterly basis. (2008: \$416)

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH BOARD

- As part of our outreach, other groups use our facility on a regular and ongoing basis. They include the Seattle Oriental Mission Church (a Korean congregation), the Russian Center for Spiritual Enrichment (a Russian Seventh - day Adventist congregation), Eastgate Cooperative Preschool (part of the Bellevue Community College Parent Education Program), Alcoholics Anonymous, the Girl Scouts, Future Star Chinese School after-school program and the NW Chinese Summer School.

Our sincere and grateful thanks to the many generous members and friends of Eastgate Congregational UCC without whose support these outreach efforts would not be possible.

Outreach Board Members: Jennifer Russell, Caitlin Jones, Parker Jones, Sylvia Sotelo and Carol Ready

Respectfully submitted for the Outreach Board,
Carol Ready.

WITS

W.I.T.S has not met for some months now. Richard's care and death required all my time and energy for some time. Lent then followed closely behind.

Now after 20 years, the future of this group is uncertain. Is it an organization that has out lived its usefulness? Or is there still merit in the gathering of women to discuss life issues and learn new things?

I am leaving the decision up to the women of Eastgate Church. I need to hear from you all. If we resume, the format would remain the same – a meeting every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. Or should that be changed?

It may be a day meeting, or an evening meeting depending upon the program. What do your Wednesdays look like?

HELP! Please let me know what you are thinking? Than you

Respectfully Submitted,
Bobbie Royalty

QUILTERS

In June of '08 we wrapped up our year by having lunch with Betty Stansbery and viewing her extensive body of watercolor paintings with the purpose of selecting some to be framed and hung in Fellowship Hall. Not only did we want to add beauty to our meeting place, but also to pay tribute to her long service in the church. The final decision was difficult, but finally made and four were chosen to be framed during the summer. We are indebted to Jerry Lakin for doing the final placement and hanging in September.

Throughout the fall we worked on quilts, some requested, some with a view to having a sale in December, and including some left over from last year, we had twenty- two quilts ready by that time. In January we began work on a queen size quilt commissioned by Kathie Forman, who has served as substitute choir director and is staunch supporter of our work, finally just before Easter. Since then we have finished (or have still in progress) nine smaller quilts ranging in size from crib to twin, including a small "Candle Cloth" requested by the conference. Those not sold will most likely be donated to Issaquah Baby Corner, although we will hold back a few baby quilts in case there may be a need for gifts.

Our total sales for the year are \$932. Of that we are donated \$500 toward the purchase of a new sink for our kitchen, and \$200 to Issaquah Baby Corner.

We were most pleased to welcome a new member to our group in February: Frankie Minnich, long time friend and associate and experienced quilter. (How lucky can you get!)

Since the Chinese School will no longer be using our facility during the summer we plan to continue meeting through June and July, taking off August while the kitchen is being updated. We will begin meeting again on Thursday, September 3.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Rickey for the Quilter:

Inga Degnan
Jill Lakin
Frankie Minnich
Barbara Rickey
Isabel Rostykus