

**Minutes of the Congregational Meeting  
Peace United Church of Christ  
February 8, 2015**

**Call to Order**

President Joe Kelly called the meeting to order at 12:10 P.M. Pastor Bob Molsberry gave the opening prayer.

**Quorum**

A quorum of 48 members is needed. A quorum was declared.

**Approval of July 27, 2014 Minutes**

The minutes of the July 27, 2014 congregational meeting were approved as presented.

**Reception of 2014 Reports**

Joe Kelly expressed appreciation to the ordained and lay staff of Peace UCC and gave members of the congregation an opportunity to ask questions of the GB team leaders.

**Peace UCC Foundation**

Foundation President, Doug Cormack, stated that their purpose was two fold: 1. to give money to the general budget each year and invest the assets responsibly; and 2. to grow the assets of the foundation. A total of \$24,843 was given to the 2014 general budget and this is expected to increase to about \$31,000 in the 2015 budget. Mr. Cormack acknowledged the contribution of all trustees and especially that of Loretta Haggard who is ending her tenure after seven years of service.

**Financial Update**

2014: Treasurer, Scott Guerrero stated that thanks to very generous member giving and Foundation support, total income of \$323,411 to the General Fund exceeded the budget by \$1,380. In addition, \$125,077 was received to Designated Funds, including the refresh campaign, for a combined total income of \$448,488. Team leaders also were careful in their spending.

**2015 Financial Budget**

The 2015 budget was presented for approval. According to Mr. Guerrero, the stewardship campaign was a tremendous success and giving is expected to increase by almost \$20,000. Changes were highlighted including an increase in staff salaries, money for pastoral search expenses, and a stipend to the Administration and Communications Coordinator for medical benefits.

It was MSP to approve the budget for 2015 as presented by the financial team and approved by the Governing Body. (unanimous)

## **Election of Officers**

It was moved to elect the following:

Scott Guerrero – two year term on Governing Body as Treasurer; Nancy Reiter – two year term on Governing Body as Worship Team Chair; Therese Cristiani – two year term on Governing Body as People Team Chair; Gary Boeneke – two year term on Governing Body as Facilities Team Chair; and Grace Morris-one year term on Governing Body as Youth Representative, who have been serving under Governing Body appointment; and Bob Hill – three year term for Endowment Trustee and Doug Cormack – three year term for Endowment Trustee:

The above were elected unanimously.

## **Other Business or Discussion**

Joe Kelly stated that the GB is intentionally investigating possibilities of building use of both facilities.

The Pastoral Search Committee has posted the church profile and is receiving applications. They were commended for making a profile that represented our church well.

The Servant team was thanked for increasing the gift to Webster-RockHill ministries.

The Refresh Projects Team was thanked for the pleasing results so far in refreshing the sanctuary; plans are in place to continue in other areas as money is received.

212 Building: The Waldorf School is expected to continue their current lease and use the buildings in the 2015-16 school year; the balance in the 212 Building Lease fund as of 12/31/2014 is \$47,494.

Music Director: the Music Director circle, comprising of Doug Cormack, Rob Hartmann, John Panhorst, and Carol Crooks has met once. The last Sunday for our present Music Director, Kourtney Shade, is April 19.

Bob Molsberry stated that plans are in process to meet with St. Clair & St. Francis as to the future but it appears they are here for the long term.

The GB was thanked for putting out documents pertaining to budgets, facilities, reports and congregational meeting plans and for providing two adult education opportunities for members to obtain information prior to the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 following prayer by Bob Molsberry.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Leuthauser, Secretary