

Minutes of the Congregational Meeting
Peace United Church of Christ
July 27, 2014

Call to Order President Brad Schnell called the meeting to order at 12:10 P.M. Wynn Miller was appointed as parliamentarian. Brad reviewed the agenda.

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

Approval of February 9, 2014 Minutes: The minutes of the February 9, 2014 congregational meeting were approved as presented.

Financial Update

Scott Guerrero distributed a condensed financial statement through June 30, 2014. A shortfall in revenue of 7,800 coupled with expenses slightly over budget makes for a total shortfall of 9,200. Since the majority of this is in pledges (6,900), Scott encouraged members to check their statements and bring giving up to date. Peace Foundation support and building use income continue to be an asset in the total budget. Giving statements will be sent more often through email to help members; it was suggested to reinstate the date on the giving envelopes. Scott made a comparison of 2009 and 2014 budgets; pledge income is lower while foundation and building use income have increased significantly.

Refresh Campaign and Refresh Projects Update

Nancy Reiter, refresh projects team, reported that refreshing of the sanctuary will begin shortly, followed by the narthex, fireside and rest rooms, as money is received. Members of the team include Jerry Lamont, Kevin Prange, Lil Lau, Ken Ulmer, and Al Schon. An artist circle comprised of Bob Risk, Brenda Detrick and Gail Saxton has been established to aid in wall decorations.

Scott Guerrero reported that 82,200 in pledges and 66,000 in cash have been received, with 33,000 available to the refresh team. He is hopeful that the goal of 100,000 can be reached and is encouraging members to consider or reconsider their pledge. He stated that some debt is necessary for updating our large building and plant size. It was suggested that St. Claire and Francis be asked to contribute to the refresh campaign. Scott will also provide a more complete financial refresh campaign report to members. In regard to the 15,000 grant received from the Rott Foundation to improve building access, the 6,907 spent on the feasibility study was allowed and the remaining 8,093 has been returned to the Rott Foundation.

Governing Body Elections

A motion by Therese Cristiani, seconded by Sara Webster, to elect Joe Kelly as President of the Governing Body was unanimously passed by the congregation. Appreciation was extended to Brad Schnell, retiring president.

Brad Schnell stated that Gary Boehnke has agreed to be Facilities chair but could not attend. He will be appointed by the Governing Body and elected at the next Congregational meeting.

Appreciation was extended to retiring GB members, Jerry Lamont and Will Oberkrom.

Pastoral Search Committee

Chris Reinhard and David Faulkner gave an update on the work of the committee. They have met with the interim conference minister, had a team building session, and have assigned tasks to members and continue to work on the church profile. They plan to be as open and transparent to the congregation as possible. The committee has 1,000 allocated for expenses in the 2014 church budget.

Learning Team Update

Debbie Gregg, Learning Team, gave an update on youth programming, highlighting the written report she distributed. The fund that was created after the February congregational meeting was developed to support the youth programming and not to replace the youth community organizer. About 9,000 has been received; unused funds will carry over from year to year. The Learning Team is engaged in using these funds to create a program that is sustainable for the long term but has not ruled out presenting a proposal to the congregation in the future to fund a youth community organizer position. In addition, a youth ministry circle and a parent advisory circle are being established for the youth program.

Theological Assumptions

Debbie Gregg reported that the original theological assumptions approved in 2003 have recently been revised with input from the congregation, including six adult education sessions comprising 56 attendees. It was moved by Therese Cristiani, seconded by Marge Engelsdorfer, and unanimously passed to affirm the revised theological assumptions as presented. Appreciation was extended to Debbie Gregg for her effort in this revision.

People Team Appreciation: Appreciation was given to Therese Cristiani for the contributions of the People Team.

Memorial Garden

Bob Risk reminded members of the Memorial Garden located outside of the original front church doors and invited them to visit and see how beautiful it is. He also thanked members of the Garden circle for their work.

Peace Talks

Bob Molsberry stated that two sessions of "Peace Talks" are scheduled in early fall to give information to members of the congregation on finances, staffing, facilities, etc.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Leuthauser, Secretary