

**Minutes of the Congregational Meeting
Peace United Church of Christ
July 26, 2015**

Call to Order

President Joe Kelly called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Quorum

A quorum of 44 members is needed. A quorum was declared.

Approval of February 8, 2015 Minutes

The minutes of the February 8, 2015 congregational meeting were approved as presented.

Governing Body/State of our Community Report

Joe Kelly stated that we were nearing the end of the interim time led by our shepherd, Bob Molsberry, and expressed appreciation to all those in the Peace UCC community, both staff and lay, for their efforts. He recognized Therese Cristiani, Nancy Reiter, Betsy Reznicek, Kathy Cormack, and Norma Leuthauser who were retiring or leaving their GB positions.

Pastor Search Circle Update

A report from the Pastor Search Circle was read by President, Joe Kelly.

Financial Update

Ken Ulmer, Finance team, highlighted the mid-year financial update through June 30, 2015 and stated our financial condition is sound with a surplus of \$4,239. Although envelope giving is \$8,630 below budget, our surplus is mostly due to unspent funds to date for the Pastor Search Circle. In June, the position of Administration and Communications Coordinator was increased to a full-time position with benefits thru the end of the year. This non-budgeted 2015 expense was funded by member gifts. Additional funds will have to be found for 2016. There is a fund of \$60,000 from the 212 rental property. The 2014 Refresh Campaign raised almost \$90,000; there is currently \$19,952 available to invest in building updates from the Refresh Campaign.

Peace UCC Foundation

Foundation President, Doug Cormack, stated they continue to look for ways to raise the awareness of the congregation as to their purpose and mission and to encourage participation. Their goals are to grow the fund, maintain the fund for perpetuity, and to promote opportunities for giving to the fund. Bob Risk, trustee, extended an invitation to congregational members to attend a Wills Emphasis Program presented by a lawyer from the Moneta Group to be scheduled in the fall at Peace UCC. On July 25, 2015 investments in the Peace UCC Foundation total \$763,897; distributions to the Peace UCC general fund, to date, total \$14,710.

Learning Team Update

Debbie Gregg gave an update on the Learning team and plans for the fall. Rally Day has been moved up to August 23rd; second Sunday each month there will be multigenerational activities starting at 9:45 for the lesson of the day and then moving into participation in the 11:00 am worship service; first, third and fourth Sundays activities will be offered for children by age groupings including several options; fifth Sundays would be a service project event. Debbie reported a possibility of a volunteer youth leader but it's not confirmed. The focus would be on sixth through ninth graders. Debbie has talked to some of the older youth about helping with some leadership roles. Debbie asked the congregation to volunteer to help. At this point, she said we still don't have enough teachers for the age-grouping activities or the other possible offerings. All are invited and encouraged to come August 23 to Rally Day to see how the spirit is moving and working.

Election of Officers

It was moved to elect the following to the Governing Body:

Sarah Webster – one year term to complete a two year term as Worship Team Chair;
Melissa Hattman – two year term as Secretary of the congregation;
Lola Contestabile – one year term to complete a two year term as People Team Chair;
Grace Morris – one year second term continuing as Youth Representative.

The above were elected unanimously.

Other Business or Discussion

There was no further business or discussion.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m. following prayer by Bob Molsberry.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Leuthauser, Secretary