

**Minutes of the Congregational Meeting  
Peace United Church of Christ  
February 9, 2014**

**Call to Order**

President Brad Schnell called the meeting to order at 12:10 P.M. Ken Ulmer and Joe Kelly were appointed as parliamentarians. Brad reviewed the agenda.

**Quorum**

50 members are needed for a quorum. A quorum was declared.

**Approval of July 28, 2013 Minutes**

The minutes of the July 28, 2013 congregational meeting were approved as written.

**2013 Program Report**

The 2013 Program Report from staff and teams/circles was accepted and approved.

**Transition Process**

Bob Molsberry, Interim Pastor, gave an update of the transition process; it is going well and on schedule. The first two meetings to gather information from members of the congregation have been held and the third and final one will take place in the next three weeks in members' homes. Bob encouraged everyone to attend. Data from these meetings will be used in the church profile.

**Peace UCC Foundation Report**

Mickey Clark, trustee, stated that income from the Foundation of \$18,391.63 was transferred to the General Fund in 2013 using a spending rate of 4.8% of the average fair market value of the fund over the preceding 16 quarters. The trustees have set a spending rate of 4.7% for 2014.

A motion to approve the nomination of Bob Risk and Peg Sant'Ambrogio to serve as Trustees of the Peace UCC Foundation for three year terms to expire in December 2017 was unanimously passed by the congregation. Laura Bardelmeier was thanked for her one year term.

**Governing Body Elections**

A motion to elect Debbie Gregg, Learning Team, and Norma Leuthauser, Secretary, to the Governing Body was unanimously passed by the congregation.

**2013 Financial Statement**

Scott Guerrero, Treasurer, presented the 2013 financial statement, and thanked everyone for controlling their expenses. The year ended with a slight deficit which was made up from the slight surplus from the previous year.

A motion was proposed by Scott and seconded by Bob Risk to accept the 2013 financial statement. It was approved by a unanimous vote of the congregation.

### **2014 Budget**

Scott Guerrero presented the 2014 budget and stated that even with a great stewardship campaign, projected envelope giving will stay flat and cuts from the proposed 2014 budget included funding the youth coordinator only thru Confirmation, 2014.

A motion was proposed by Scott and seconded by Earl Brown to accept the 2014 budget. The motion passed.

### **Capital Campaign**

Scott Guerrero presented the following motion to initiate a capital campaign:

The congregation authorizes a capital campaign to raise \$100,000 within 18 months. These funds are to be used to refresh the sanctuary, narthex and fire side room; upgrade all bathrooms; replace the asbestos tiles on the first floor; and pay off the balance owed from the Phase I Capital Campaign. The Governing Body will appoint a capital campaign team consisting of two components: (1) a fund raising team with responsibility to secure the funds and (2) a project management team, with responsibility to spend the funds.

The expenditure of funds will be made only after cash contributions have been received. Therefore, the project management team has responsibility to establish priorities and break down the above objectives into improvement projects with clearly defined scope of work that can be bid, contracted and completed in components as funds are received. When projects are ready to be launched and funds secured, the Governing Body will give final approval to begin each project. As funds are received they will be distributed equally (50/50) to pay off the remaining debt on the Phase I Capital Campaign, and used for the improvement projects. The remaining debt on the Phase I Capital Campaign as of December 31, 2013, is \$47,562. Once this debt is paid off per the above process, 100% of capital funds collected will be spent on improvements. *(end of motion)*

Scott stated that \$33,000 has already been collected for the capital campaign.

Questions were raised in discussion as to our priorities: re making the building look better while ending the position of youth coordinator. Comments included recognizing the importance of our children in growing the congregation and also having a better looking building with updated bathrooms for the arrival of the new pastor.

Wynn Miller made an amended motion to postpone the beginning of the capital campaign until the July, 2014 congregational meeting.

Discussion continued. A motion by Jill Stratton to call for the question was passed.

The amended motion to postpone the capital campaign until July, 2014 was defeated.

Nancy Reiter made an amended motion to support a youth program as part of the capital campaign. Discussion reflected on mixing the two components and Nancy withdrew the motion.

The original motion on the capital campaign was then passed by the congregation.

#### **New Business**

Discussion continued on the importance of the youth program and the possibility of collecting additional funds in the amount of approximately \$7,000.

Nancy Reiter presented a motion, seconded by Lil Lau, to establish a fund in support of youth ministry at Peace UCC and actively seek pledges for this purpose. The motion passed.

#### **Motion to Adjourn**

After singing Blest Be the Tie That Binds and prayer by Bob Molsberry, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Leuthauser, Secretary