Peace Governing Body Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2017

Call to order: Joe Kelly 6:02 pm

Attendees: Melissa Hattman, Wendy Bruner, Marilyn Stavenger, Debbie Gregg, Jenny Davis, Sandy Bowe,

Absent: Sarah Webster, Gary Boehnke, David Faulkner, Harry Wilson,

Opening: Pastor Wendy Bruner

I. Personal Check-In (Joys and Concerns)

Most had no reports to share. Joe shared his experiences with his students during Inauguration Week again expressing his gratitude for the opportunity to work in a progressive learning environment. Sandy and Melissa are both traveling out of the country during the month of February. Debbie Gregg agreed to take minutes at February GB meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve: Debbie G., Second- Melissa H.; Passed as written

III. Work Items

Proposed by Law Revisions- Joe

Joe and Wendy provided updates to GB on the meetings held 1/15 and 1/22 with interested members of the congregation. These were well attended. The first meeting attendees voiced most concern around the term ‘disciple’ instead of ‘member’ and the second meeting attendees seem to voice concern over the proposed “nuts and bolts” of church membership. There is interest in much more discussion from the congregation around this and around the “covenant “piece. There were questions around why we are doing this now, are there folks who are feeling excluded etc. The GB agree that more conversation is needed with a longer timeline for vetting and discernment. No proposed by law revisions will be moving forward at this time.

Kids in Worship- Jenny and Wendy

Some member concerns over kids in worship were brought to the GB. There was a lengthy discussion around this topic. How the children will participate in worship so all can benefit is still in the learning process. To address these immediate concerns, she will put out a note in the News and Notes this week. Laurel Koepf Taylor will be conducting intergenerational sessions over the next 4 Sundays. Hopefully these will help with this topic.

Wendy asked that we(GB) always gently encourage members to communicate any concerns and feedback to the right team leader. Team leaders need this important feedback personally.
Retreat Update - Pastor Wendy

A facilitator from the STL Arc (Sharon Spurlock) has agreed to meet with us for no fee to guide us through a 5-year strategic planning workshop (Visioning Meeting) to be scheduled by February 11, 2017 at Eden Seminary, McCarthy Room from 9:00am-2:00pm. Jenny D. will provide food again.

Congregational Meeting Agenda, February 5, 2017 - Joe

It will be a standard agenda. 1) call to order and quorum count - Joe; 2) Opening - Wendy; 3) Approval of July 2016 minutes (Melissa to send to Kelly for posting in next week bulletin)- Norma; 4) Team Reports- all TLs to be at front of congregation in case there are questions; 5) Endowment report; 6) Finance and 2017 Budget report and vote- Harry; 7) Freedom School Update- Wendy; 8) Other business; 9) Adjournment

III. Other items

Annual Reports are due ASAP to Kelly (no later than Thursday)

Developer meeting (Sangita/ Sansone Grp) Joe Kelly, Wendy Bruner, Jenny Davis, Ken Ulmer David Faulker(?) and Debbie Gregg. Date/Time TBD. At Peace.

Freedom School Partner Dinner – February 18th at Peace

Prophetic Justice Circle meeting with MCU Wednesday, 1/25 @6:30 pm at Peace

Motion to Adjourn - D. Gregg; Second – Melissa H; Passed

Meeting adjourned 7:33pm

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Hattman