

Peace Governing Body Meeting Minutes

November 22, 2016

Call to order: Joe Kelly 6:02 pm

Attendees: Melissa Hattman, Wendy Bruner, Marilyn Stavenger, Harry Wilson, Debbie Gregg, Jenny Davis, Sandy Bowe, David Faulkner, Al Schon, Gary Boehnke

Absent: Sarah Webster

Opening: Pastor Wendy Bruner with a reading: Litany of Thanksgiving, Howard Thurman

I. Personal Check-In (Joys and Concerns)

Many joys were shared. Grateful for easy medical treatments, holding a newborn, visiting with old friends, the chance to work every day in an environment that encourages and reflects multiculturalism and respect, the good health of a daughter during a pregnancy with twins, the opportunity to host international students for Thanksgiving, the one year anniversary at Peace, family, our Peace community, Peace high school youth who are our future- bright, and creative.

Al Schon shared that he is sending three books each with a cover letter to Donald Trump and Mike Pence. The first is on Hanukkah, second on Bannon and the third (to Pence) "Heidi and her two Moms."

A get-well card was passed for Sarah Webster who is experiencing chronic pain.

Marie Bardelmeier has stepped down as the GB youth representative. The seat is currently open.

II. Approval of Minutes

October Minutes – tabled for December as they were not available for approval. Melissa will get them from Sarah.

Fall retreat minutes were approved with edits. Debbie Gregg made the motion and Harry Wilson seconded to approve. Passed.

III. Work Items

Fisher Circle Recommendation – Changing "Members" to "Disciples"- Al Schon

Al presented the FC's recommendation to GB members explaining the reasoning behind the need for change. A lengthy discussion followed around issues of by- law amendments, policy and change in terminology should this recommendation be approved by the congregation. By consensus, the GB did approve the terminology change of "member" to "disciple"; that the by -laws must reflect the change of terminology throughout the document; that the presented document with suggested edits will replace Article 1: Membership in the current by-laws; that a draft of the by-laws with said amendments will be presented to the GB at the December meeting for approval. Once approved by GB, a series of educational meetings open to the entire congregation will be scheduled to provide a forum for discussion prior to the Spring Congregational Meeting.

Finance – Harry Wilson.

2017 Team Budget proposals must be to him by December 15th. \$20K in the black year -to-date. 180 people were in attendance a November 20 services officially ending the 2017 stewardship campaign.

Worship Team update- In Sarah's absence, the work of the Worship team will continue. Al will be in charge of the hanging of the greens next Saturday.

Retreat Update- Pastor Wendy.

A facilitator from the STL Arc has agreed to meet with us for no fee to guide us through a 5-year strategic planning workshop (Dream Meeting) to be scheduled by February 2017.

Next meeting: December 27 at 6:00pm

III. Other items

By- laws Circle

By -laws circle will meet to make suggested revisions and will present at the December GB meeting

In addition to by- law changes as a result of FCs recommendation, there will be additional amendments made in response to consensus items discussed at the Fall Retreat. These will also be included in the draft to be reviewed at the December GB meeting. The bylaws are a living document, subject to change as needed but always within the legal parameters of what is required.

Motion to Adjourn SP. Meeting adjourned 8:01pm

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Hattman