Peace Governing Body Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2016
Call to order: Joe Kelly 6:03 pm
Attendees: Joe Kelly, Wendy Bruner, Marilyn Stavenger, Al Schon, David Faulkner, Debbie Gregg, Jenny Davis, Sarah Webster, Sandy Bowe, Marie Bardelmeier, Gary Boehne
Guests: Bob Karr, Ken Ulmer (for Harry Wilson)
Welcome to new GB members: Marie Bardelmeier and David Faulker. Harry Wilson absent.

**Peace UCC Foundation Update**- Bob Karr
Currently 740K in Foundation; Contributed 31K to GOB LY; 33K to GOB TY. Amount is determined by how market performs, [what % based on the average of 16 rolling quarters (currently 4.5%)]
Trustees: Mickey Clarke, Bob Karr, Doug Cormack, David Ban, Bob Risk
Responsibilities: preserve the corpus of endowment for future generations; provide $ for the GOB in spite of market performance (drop spend rate based on the market)
Investments are currently with Monet Group; 23% of funds are in “socially responsible “investments; diversified portfolio overall.

**How to grow the endowment?** A delicate balance between stewardship and endowment giving must be maintained to co-exist. Bob reviewed the new “3 Ways to Give” Foundation brochure with GB giving us background on current sources of funds- 500K was a single gift years ago and most of the funds are still coming through bequests.

**Check in / Brief Status:**

**Learning Team** – Debbie Gregg. DG reported that PEACE is the first STL UCC church to offer OWL
See attachment.

**Worship Team**- Sarah Webster
Holding quarterly meetings for Brainstorming. Partnering with Learning Team. First meeting September 29, 6:30pm. All are welcome

**Servant Team**- Melissa Hattman
Spectrum Ecycle /Home Sweet Home STL August event updates. Will provide detailed report from Spectrum to Sandy Bowe to be posted along with a thank you to volunteers in News and Notes/ Bulletin. Plan to Ecycle 2017 the last weekend in August. Reported on ST Visioning meeting held August 1st.

**Fisher’s Circle** – Al Schon
Circle is compiling information provided by GB members and making edit to the Covenant document draft. Al asked that we please keep this conversation inside the GB/ST until the circle has a chance to
move forward as the congregation is already concerned about the proposal and its implications. New PEACE sign on outside is great and AI was thanked by GB.

No other Team check –ins.

**2016-17 Governing Body Kick-off Conversation: All**

Introduced ourselves and responded to 5 set questions provided by Joe Kelly.

- Why are you at Peace?
- Why did you ‘yes’ to being on the Governing Body?
- What gifts/skills/strengths do you bring from the GB?
- What do you need from the GB?
- What is the GB’s role in our mission to “follow the God made known in the life and teachings of Jesus...”?

**Working items:**

**Approval of July GB minutes**: MSP with corrections

**Freedom School Update**: Wendy

Received correspondence from Deaconess Foundation stating that the cost of the program to the church will be a fraction of what we were anticipating. Wendy will have final information on Thursday. Good news!!

Four other church Freedom Schools are opening up along with PEACE- Christ the King, St. Peter’s, Hope and St. John’s.

**Other Items**-

**Finance**: Need a resolution to approve signatures on church bank account. Tabled for next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn SBowe, Seconded GBoehnke and Passed.

Adjourned at 7:54pm

Respectfully submitted

Melissa Hattman, GB Secretary.