

Peace UCC Governing Body Minutes

July 19, 2016

Call to Order: 6:08 pm Joe Kelly

Attendees: Sandy Bowe, Joe Kelly , Melissa Hattman, Al Schon, Marilyn Stavenger, Lola Contestabile, Jenny Davis, Debbie Gregg, Gary Boehnker

Absent: Sarah Webster, Grace Morris, Scott Guerrero, Wendy Bruner

I. Check- In/ Brief Status

ONA Self Evaluation Survey sent by Jim Heaton to Joe Kelly & GB. Administered to the group as a Y/N verbal exercise by J Kelly as a tool to determine where we stand in fulfilling the commitment to LGBTQ community as an Open and Affirming Church. Outcome overall positive. GB agreed that self-evaluation periodically is a good practice.

Refresh Circle Update –Marilyn Stavenger. Circle met last Wednesday. Members are Bob Hill, Sandy Bowe, Ken Ulmer and Marilyn Stavenger. The circle wants to move forward with two new restrooms downstairs off of the Fellowship Hall with the \$21K balance campaign funds (will include Handicapped /Family). Early \$ projections indicate that a min. of an additional \$4K will be necessary to do the work. J Kelly suggested that getting competitive bids for the work is probably a good idea acknowledging that finding contractors willing to bid out a small job may be hard to find. Timeline for completion of new restrooms is targeted for summer 2017 prior to start of Freedom Summer School session.

Our Whole Lives (OWL) and Education Team- Debbie Gregg. See attached report from DG, item #2. Discussion on #4-Waldorf School. The contract between them and PEACE outlining use of space in the church will be finalized next week. A request to use the little kitchen has been presented to GB. The use of this space is not currently mentioned specifically in the contract. GB discussed that it should be and that there should be a fee charged for use.

Debbie gave big shout out and kudos to Loretta Haggard for the success through her efforts to recruit teachers for church school! Thank you Loretta!

Freedom School grant circle/fund raising met last Thursday night to brainstorm ideas for fundraising Rally Day is Sunday August 21st.

Community Team- Jenny Davis. Peace Luncheon last week for visiting choir Ripple Effect was great event.

Servant Team- Melissa Hattman. Brief report on upcoming and current events.

Back- to - School supply drive underway. Recycling with Spectrum and Home Sweet Home STL furniture/ household supply events to take place on church lower parking lot Saturday August 13, 9:00-Noon.

Servant Team Visioning Meeting to take place Monday, August 1.

People Team- Lola Contestabile

Safe Church Policy changes are necessary due to impact of social media and current policy is under review (circle created w/ a Learning Team rep) for implementation of revised policy once approved. Discussion followed on a couple of issues to be addressed: 1) how do we implement and ensure safe church policies are being adhered to when others are in the church /using the church outside of regular hours . Shared space policy should state these guidelines and currently does not. 2) Current policy for clarification of the “2 to 1” and its intention.

Need a Team leader replacement for Lola.

II. July Congregational Meeting Agenda

GB reviewed draft agenda sent out by Secretary Melissa Hattman. Revisions were made, Freedom School motion attached and the agenda was finalized to distribution to the congregation prior to the meeting Sunday July 31st.

III. Working Items

- a) Approval of June 2016 meeting minutes- MSP as amended for typos.
- b) Team leadership- Worship Team still without a leader to be appointed on July 31st. Discussion ensued around possible candidates and possible scenarios in the event that no one steps forward to take the position.
- c) Covenant: Al; No report for July
- d) Finance: Scott; No report for July
- e) Other Items: Joe; By- laws recommendations will come to GB at the August Meeting

Next meeting : Tuesday, 6:00pm, August 16

Adjourned: MSP 8:07 pm

Executive Session

Called to Order – Joe Kelly 8:09pm

No items

Adjourned 8:11pm

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Hattman, Secretary