Peace United Church of Christ  
Governing Body Meeting Minutes  
February 16, 2016

Call to Order 6:10 pm – Rev. Bruner

Attendees: Rev. Wendy Bruner, Joe Kelly, Debbie Gregg, Melissa Hattman, Al Schon, Jenny Davis, Gary Boehnke, Sarah Webster, Marilyn Stavenger, Grace Morris, Sandy Bowe, Lola Contestabile

Absent: Scott Guererro

Opening Remarks- Rev. Wendy Bruner opened the meeting with a reading and a prayer by Thomas Merton.

Check-in/ Brief status reports

Sandy Bowe, Servant Team Leader, asked for budget clarification around line items for Servant Team and reallocation/movement of funds within the Servant Team budget. Monies are best moved and reallocated by the end of the 1st quarter when possible and inform Finance committee of such changes.

Worship Team cancelled their meeting due to inclement weather.

Joys and Concerns expressed. A sense of urgency was expressed on the review/revision of bylaws and Constitution. Succession planning for GB leadership needs to be addressed as well as part of this review.

Future Story Discussion Continues: All GB

As part of Future Story conversation, a discussion was held around the significance of “membership” in the church. Friends of PEACE vs Members? Need to consider generations and what is important to them.

Five points drawn out of January discussion

1) Widening our open invitation to the broader interfaith/ecumenical community,
2) Can we take Enough is Enough stance with the immigrant community,
3) We need to be out loud about PEACE, media presence,
4) How can we be the church outside of the church, and
5) Can we create a staff position(s) to source volunteers/instigate youth?

animated GB discussion and revealed emerging theme(s): 1) Engaging and administering to youth and,
2) with intention, turn the focus of the church outward to the communities we want to reach.
( how can we be “the church” outside of the church, etc.) Once we identify who we want to be, then be out loud about PEACE using all of the media outlets that are available. Get out into the communities and find out what people want and need; it is the only way to build true relationships.
Fisher’s Circle will be on March agenda to provide an update on the focus group results and will demonstrate with role play a “welcoming scenario” to guests and returning non-members.

**Working Items:**

**Approval of January 2016 GB minutes;**

Motion made to approve with amendments – Gary B; Second - Lola C; No discussion; motion passed

**2015 Net Income discussion and 212 Building Income Proposal items tabled until March GB meeting due to time remaining.**

**Other items:**

Jeff Morris, a strategic planner and member of PEACE, is willing to help GB with the final piece of the Future Story. GB will be meeting w/ him to discuss plans.

Next meeting: March 15, 2016

Respectfully submitted

Melissa Hattman, GB Secretary