

**Peace United Church of Christ
Governing Body Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2016**

Call to Order 6:00 pm – Pastor Wendy

Attendees: Rev. Wendy Bruner, Debbie Gregg, Melissa Hattman, Al Schon, Jenny Davis, Gary Boehnke, Marilyn Stavenger, Lola Contestabile, Janet Rundquist (for Sara), Scott Guerrero, Grace Morris,

Absent: Joe Kelly, Sara Webster

Opening: Pastor Wendy with a reading from Howard Thurman “Courage to Live This Day”

Check -in/ Brief status reports

People Team- Lola Contestabile

June meeting- will discuss Safe Church Policy and social media policies to enhance. A GB discussion ensued around July meeting and position term expirations. Request was made by People Team to receive spreadsheet list of current terms and positions from church office. GB members Joe, Debbie, Gary and Jenny term out this July? Discussion followed on how to recruit/ to nominate /to find those willing to be appointed to these positions. Reappointment process? July Congregational Meeting date set for Sunday, July 31st.

Community Team- Jenny Davis

Church picnic to be held June 5. Jenny Davis and Community Team are providing fried chicken, mashed potatoes and beverages and congregation to provide desserts and sides. Amy Obrien, Kelly Archer and Debbie Gregg to plan activities.

Servant Team – Sandy Bowes

Bake Sale for Lydia’s House- 24 bakers; \$525.00 Requested giving totals for OGHS. Led a discussion around recruitment of new members for Servant Team. - Recruitment Fair, using ushers, etc. Need to update instructions for Ushers. Authorized a circle for Wafaa, Syrian student arriving in August at Webster with a contribution of \$2500 a year (4 years) for miscellaneous expenses to support her. PEACE is one of several groups to offer her support.

Worship Team- Janet Rundquist

Platform and ramp down at the front of the sanctuary. Opens front encouraging inclusion for everyone. Discussion between the Learning Team and the Worship Team will take place around a quiet space for children in the sanctuary.

Finance Team- Scott Guerrero

Finance Reports to GB later in the week. Finance team meeting scheduled for next Wednesday. A request was made by Pastor Wendy and supported by team leaders that, if not a full report, at a minimum, a special collection and team finance reports be available each month to GB. Scott also lead a discussion around the management of the Samaritan Fund and how we can be better prepared for future needs as they arise. Pastor Wendy shared with the group an update on Frankie and her family. She requested immediate reimbursement to those serving within Frankie Circle who had been providing personal funds for support as needed on the spot.

Facilities – no report

Education – no report other than there has been positive response to OWL Program.

Working Items

- I. **Approval of April Minutes-** table until June meeting.
- II. **Fisher's Circle- Al Schon**
Circle discussion leads to moving forward to the concept of "inclusive church" moving away from "**members**" and "**friends**" to better terminology like "followers" and "covenant". He provided several **examples** to review and consider. Redlands UCC has powerful language in Membership and Covenant Statement. See attached. Al said he would bring language for bylaws to GB in June as a proposal. Informational sessions for new "followers" would still be necessary with introductions to the congregation. Impt. To determine when and how.
- III. **Pastor's Items. Pastor Wendy** mentioned that PEACE is not currently listed as a 5 for 5 churches for 2015. Kelly is researching that for us as our church giving and focus continues to be 5 for 5. Nothing has changed.
There will be a Freedom School meeting at PEACE May 18th for those who are interested in finding out more about it including a viewing of the PBS special *American Experience: Freedom Summer*. Another meeting about Freedom Schools will be held beginning with a soup supper at PEACE May 24th 5:30 PM. A group of guest speakers will join us to help inform the congregation about Freedom Schools and how PEACE might get involved with movement.
Kelly Archer has been accepted at Eden into the DMIN program. It is at least a four year program with classes already in progress. PEACE will benefit from her successful completion of this credential.
- IV. **Other Items.** Sandy announced that long time member of PEACE Louise Shankland passed away. Marilyn Stavenger had obituary information and shared with GB.

Adjournment- MSP at 7:20pm

No Executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Hattman

GB Secretary