

Peace United Church of Christ
Governing Body Meeting
April 21, 2015

IN ATTENDANCE: Bob Molsberry, Jenny Davis, Scott Guerrero, Marilyn Stavenger, Al Schon, Norma Leuthauser, Gary Boehnke, Betsy Reznicek, Debbie Gregg, Joe Kelly, Jean Karr, Grace Morris, Kathy Cormack (People team)

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Nancy Reiter, Therese Cristiani, Nick Knoblauch

Joe Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

MINUTES:

It was MSP to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2015 GB meeting.

FINANCE:

Complete financial reports through March 31, 2015 will be available for the Finance team meeting Thursday, April 23.

PASTORAL SEARCH STATUS:

Joe Kelly stated that the Search committee continues to receive applications and interview possible candidates.

CHORAL AND INSTRUMENTAL DIRECTOR AND ASSOCIATE ORGANIST/PIANIST:

Joe Kelly stated that this process continues and Darcy Swanson, Music Coordinator, is participating in the search process. The position is posted on appropriate websites.

2015 ANNUAL MID-MISSOURI SOUTH CONFERENCE MEETING

Betsy Reznicek had agreed to attend the 2015 Annual Mid Missouri South Conference Meeting June 4-6 in Columbia, Mo as a delegate from Peace UCC. Her expenses will be reimbursed from the 2015 financial funds of Peace UCC.

SAFE CHURCH POLICIES:

Debbie Gregg, Learning Team, presented areas for discussion and clarification/relaxing of some specific safe church policies regarding shepherds, nursery, outside groups, and music staff providing individual lessons in the building. After obtaining feedback from the GB, Debbie will present written policies for consideration at a later GB meeting.

PEACE UCC MEMBERSHIP:

Al Schon read names from his original list of those not to receive the membership status letter; all others on the designated list will receive a letter signed by Joe Kelly, President asking for their intentions as to staying on the membership rolls.

SERVANT TEAM BOOK STUDY:

Betsy Reznicek reported that the Servant Team will sponsor a book study of “The New Jim Crow; Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness” by Michelle Alexander. Details are still being worked out

LEARNING TEAM:

An organizational meeting is planned for Peace Trail, 2016; last year’s leaders are returning. Peace Village will not be scheduled until 2016.
Church school plans are being considered for the fall.
An oral history interest group for youth is progressing.
Safe church policies are being discussed.

STAFF NEWS:

Bob Molsberry advised that Kelly Archer had taken on an additional part-time position with First Congregational UCC, Webster Groves, as Communications Coordinator.

SHARED SPACE CIRCLE:

Additional members from Learning, Servant, Facilities, and Worship teams will help to expand the circle as discussions continue with outside groups.

FUTURE PLANS:

Joe Kelly, President, stated he would like to include agenda time for GB members to brainstorm on ideas and plans for Peace UCC in the future as a new leader is welcomed. The document, Our Future Story, could be a helpful tool.

The End of the Year Picnic will be Sunday, June 7.

The next meeting will be May 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Leuthauser, Secretary