

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Jenny Davis, Marilyn Stavenger, Norma Leuthauser, Gary Boehnke, Joe Kelly, Jean Karr, Al Schon, Kathy Cormack, and also Melissa Hattman, Sarah Webster, and Lola Contestabile who will be joining the GB in August.

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Bob Molsberry, Grace Morris, Scott Guerrero, Betsy Reznicek, Debbie Gregg

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

#### MINUTES:

It was MSP to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2015 GB meeting. (Add Susan Morgan to the picnic list)

#### MULTIFAITH PROGRAM:

Al Schon and Laura Bardelmeier met for the second time with representatives of the United Hebrew congregation and the Islamic Foundation of St. Louis to continue discussions about developing a multifaith program for youth from our three traditions. There was commitment to continue the meetings towards developing a program to be offered in 2016.

#### SHARED SPACE CIRCLE:

Joe Kelly announced that members of the Shared Space Circle are: Bob Molsberry; Al Schon; Paul Kachulis, Finance; Debbie Gregg, Learning; Gary Boehnke, Facilities; and Joe Kelly.

#### MEMBERSHIP:

Al Schon presented a list of names recommended for removal from the church membership rolls. It was MSP to accept the list for removal with regret. Marilyn Stavenger offered the hope that we could all be more conscious of people who drift away and let them know they are missed. This membership change will affect the quorum needed for the upcoming Congregational Meeting.

#### LEARNING TEAM

Peace Trail was cancelled July 20-24 due to low registration. One thing to consider is paid day care for the afternoon for those who need full-day attendance.

Members of the Learning and Worship teams have been meeting to discuss programming ideas for the future. Some of these ideas include: Rally Day being moved up to August 23 this year; second Sunday of month multi-generational event starting in learning hour and moving to second worship service; regular church school other three Sundays of the month; service project on a fifth Sunday; shepherd program moved upstairs this fall; the possibility of a youth leader; following the lectionary; cushions for the front area of the sanctuary for children and others.

#### SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

The meeting will be held Sunday, July 26, immediately following the second service. An agenda will include: approval of February 8, 2015 congregational meeting minutes; GB Elections: Sarah Webster to fill a one-year term of the Worship team and Lola Contestable to fill a one-year term of the People team; Melissa Hattman for a two-year term as Secretary of the congregation; Grace Morris for a second one year term as Youth representative; Financial Reports; Search Circle update; Peace UCC Foundation report; and Learning Team report.

#### APPRECIATION:

Joe Kelly expressed appreciation to Kathy Cormack, People team, and Norma Leuthauser, Secretary, who are retiring from their positions.

#### GOVERNING BOARD RETREAT:

Joe Kelly stated that he would like the new GB to consider some expanded time in the form of an overnight or one day retreat to consider future plans/directions and to strengthen bonds as a group. This will be discussed at the August GB meeting.

The next GB meeting will be Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. beginning with dinner. Jennie Davis will bring pulled pork and beverages; others can fill in with sides.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Leuthauser, Secretary