

Peace United Church of Christ
Governing Body Meeting
March 17, 2015

IN ATTENDANCE: Bob Molsberry, Jenny Davis, Scott Guerrero, Marilyn Stavenger, Al Schon, Norma Leuthauser, Gary Boehnke, Betsy Reznicek, Debbie Gregg, Kevin Prange (worship), Carol Crooks, Music Director Search Circle

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Joe Kelly, Nancy Reiter, Jean Karr, Grace Morris, Therese Cristiani, Nick Knoblauch

Bob Molsberry called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

MINUTES:

It was MSP to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2015 GB meeting. (Change 6:45 a.m. to 6:43 a.m. under Easter sunrise service)

FINANCE: There were no financial reports.

PEACE UCC FOUNDATION PRESENTATION:

Scott Guerrero stated that members of the Peace UCC Foundation would like to make a short presentation to the GB about the status of the foundation and plans to develop the fund. Scott will ask them to contact President, Joe Kelly, to schedule the presentation.

MUSIC DIRECTOR SEARCH CIRCLE:

Carol Crooks, representing the Music Director Search Circle, presented the following recommendations:

1. The title "Music Director" be changed to that of "Music Coordinator" and the Coordinator's job description incorporate the administration/planning function plus the director of the children's, youth and folk choirs.
2. It is the recommendation of the Search Circle that Darcy Swanson be hired to fill the responsibilities of the position of "Music Coordinator." This would necessitate the search for a candidate with advanced music credentials to fill the role of Choral and Instrumental Director and Associate Organist/Pianist. The hours of each position would be adjusted to reflect the change in responsibilities.
3. Rationale: These recommendations represent a significant shift in the role of the music program at Peace. While not backing down from a commitment to excellence in musicianship, this shift will strengthen the role of music as a resource for multigenerational faith formation and community-building, and will engage the congregation in music as a source of spirituality and enhancement of the sacred.

It was MSP to support the recommendations of the Music Director Search Circle and Worship Team to change the roles and responsibilities of the music staff and to affirm the hiring of Darcy Swanson as Music Coordinator.

PEACE UCC MEMBERSHIP:

Al Schon stated that the categories of membership and the membership rolls of Peace UCC are being evaluated and presented a list of people who are not actively engaged in worship attendance and/or financial contributions for consideration of change of membership status. He also presented a copy of a possible letter to be sent to those designated and is asking that members of the GB give him feedback ASAP in regard to names on the list. He was commended for taking on this task.

SEVANT TEAM REQUEST:

Betsy Reznicek stated that the Servant Team is recommending that Peace UCC support Magdalene St. Louis, a residential community for women recovering from prostitution, violence and drug abuse by joining the Magdalene St. Louis Interfaith Collaboration. This collaboration gives connected faith communities an opportunity to work together not only to support Magdalene St. Louis but to change systems that objectify and commodify women.

It was MSP that Peace UCC joins the Magdalene St. Louis Interfaith Collaboration by signing an interfaith statement of support. The commitment involves community education about trafficking and objectification of women, financial support of Magdalene St. Louis and prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Norma Leuthauser, Secretary