

**Peace United Church of Christ  
Governing Body Meeting Minutes  
November 17, 2015**

Pastor Bob called meeting to order at 6:10 pm

**Attendees:** Pastor Bob Molsberry, Debbie Gregg, Melissa Hattman, Scott Guererro, Al Schon, Jenny Davis, Gary Boehnke

**Absent:** Marilyn Stavenger, Jean Karr, Sarah Webster, Joe Kelly, Lola Contestabile, Grace Morris

**Approval of October 20, 2015 minutes**

Gary made the motion to approve with corrections; Debbie seconded; Passed

The October GB retreat minutes were not ready for approval and a draft will be sending out within the week. Those will not be posted to the church site.

**Servant Team Update-** Melissa Hattman

Announcement was made that Jean Karr has resigned her position as ST Chair. Melissa Hattman will report to GB on behalf of Servant Team during this transition. The People Team will be charged with finding an interim chair.

Servant Team reported to GB that it has voted to approve, in principle, support for the Jubilee Campaign currently underway for Webster- Rockhill Ministries facilities expansion. This expansion will double the current space and will include a radio station. Wynn Miller made this request of the Servant Team and said that more details about the campaign would be available as soon as early January and that the first phase of construction will start in June 2016.

Servant Team met with Paul Kachulis to review current budget allocations and it will be considering any reallocation proposals for the upcoming budget year.

**Finance Update- Scott Guererro**

All reasonably good news:

PEACE is still running a \$4,000+ surplus due to unspent funds still in Search Circle account. We can expect to spend every penny however with new pastor moving expenses. Not overly concerned with spending. Community spent more than their budget but that was due to office budget and finance charges related to mailings

**Stewardship Update- Scott Guerrero**

Very good news to report early in giving campaign. Of 93 giving entities, 42 have responded showing a 15 % increase of commitments over last year. There are brand new pledges (4) totaling about \$15K. There

were several who converted their “refresh “support \$ to giving pledge. 38 are pending and Scott will call to follow up. The GB thanked Bob for the Best Stewardship campaign to date. He discussed with us ideas to make it even stronger next year- call campaign to get people to attend the ingathering Sunday services, have the choir sing—pull out all the stops!

### **Facilities Update- Gary Boehnke**

Gary brought to GB a two part recommendation from the Facilities Team: that the 212 Building Designated Funds (approx. 70K) which come from the rent on the 212 Building and are being held for the future repair or demolition of the 212 building be place in an investment account and 2) the income and growth from that investment account be placed into a Capital Reserve Account for future use.

There was much discussion around this proposal: the pros and cons of long term investment vs immediate accessibility and need for the funds which led to bigger question yet to be answered: What is the long term plan for the 212 building? We should know by January 1 what our lease agreement will be with current tenants.

Gary made a formal motion (attached); Seconded: Debbie Gregg. More discussion followed and motion died. Scott made a second motion to table this issue for 60 days. Gary seconded. Motion Passed.

### **Executive Session: None**

### **Other Business:**

**Reception refreshments** for New Pastor 12/6- Jenny Davis will work with Search Circle members to coordinate plans. Clarified that there would an open reception after the first and second service.

**By Laws Circle** discussed their review progress to date and expressed concern around succession planning for GB. Several suggestions around succession structure were made for them to consider. Will report back at a later date.

Al Shon and Laura Bardelmeier have formed a circle within the Education Team for children ages 4-7. The goal is to expose to children to other religions helping them understand that it is great to get to know and respect people who believe differently than they do. A series of three activities have been scheduled for Spring 2016-: January 30 with United Hebrew Congregation; February27 with the Muslim Foundation of St. Louis and April 16 – PEACE UCC

**Education Team:** Debbie Gregg announced that Carla Eilering has agreed to become the next Learning Team Leader. Great succession planning! Lots of momentum right now in her team- six active members. A circle on Families with Special needs Children is being formed. LT is piloting during Advent a mini worship during Shepherds.

Pastor Bob made a request for Servant Team on behalf of Jeff Davis, Board member on the Deaconess Foundation and Laurel Hayes. They are looking for a PUCC member who would embrace the idea of

becoming an extension of Deaconess 'advocacy outreach and be a liaison to Peace. Basically a child welfare advocate. See attached received 11/19.

Gary Boehnke brought up for discussion a need to start thinking about starting a Capital Campaign Phase II – most of issues to be addressed are around accessibility inside the building ( bathrooms and elevator) This led to a lengthy discussion on the bigger picture - the Future Story for PEACE UCC and strategic planning. Pastor Bob shared with us that the Future Story is not complete (by design); the second half of the story are the strategic plans for the future. He felt an interim pastor should not take the lead in this activity. He has shared this with Wendy and should be a priority for GB. He highly recommended that we look at the Conference document as a model that could guide our work.

The GB thanked Bob for his leadership and guidance during this time of transition for PEACE

Meeting Adjourned 8:14 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Hattman Secretary