Peace United Church Of Christ
Governing Body Meeting
August 18, 2015

6:00-6:30pm Governing Body members and guests (2) shared a potluck meal.

Joe Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

IN ATTENDANCE: Sarah Webster, Melissa Hattman, Marilyn Stavenger, Lola Contestabile, Jean Karr, Gary Boehnke, Debbie Gregg, Al Schon, Scott Guerrero, Jenny Davis, Grace Morris, Pastor Bob Molsberry

GUESTS: Vicki Grabert, friend / out of town guest of Marilyn Stavenger and Ken Ulmer, PEACE UCC member

MINUTES:
It was MSP to approve the minutes of July 21, 2015 GB meeting with one correction noted.

YMCA POSSIBILITIES and WEBSTER GROVES SHARED MIINISTRIES- Ken Ulmer

A proposal was brought before the GB by Ken Ulmer for launching exploratory conversation with institutions that serve Webster Groves and the surrounding communities. The conversation will explore interest from neighborhood institutions in developing and sustaining a joint ministry. The joint ministry could develop a multi discipline configuration of services and providers for educational, social, spiritual personal growth and community building programs. A motion was made by Melissa Hattman “that PEACE UCC governing body approves the creation of a circle to initiate exploratory/fact finding conversations with neighbor institutions regarding possible joint ministry needs in this area and the community”. Motioned seconed by Scott Guerrero. Motion passed.

With the public announcement that the YMCA facility next door to PEACE is up for sale, a lengthy discussion was held by the GB around the possibilities of acquiring that building (205) adding it to the existing 212 and 204 buildings creating a “campus of ministries”. The “joint ministry” could utilize the 205 building. After much discussion among GB members, it was decided that the proposal to begin conversations to gauge interest in joint ministries should remain separate from the inquiry into the YMCA sale at this time.

TEAM LEADER DUTIES: Due to lack of time for discussion, Pastor Molsberry asked the GB to defer this agenda item and repost at the top of the agenda for the September GB Meeting.

STEWARDSHIP: Pastor Molsberry
Pastor Molsberry, Marilyn Stavenger, and Ken Ulmer met to discuss Stewardship Fall 2015 and the need to expand pledges. Decided we needed a two pronged approach. In addition to the traditional four week build up in November that culminates at Thanks giving, Bob presented to GB the plan to host a Leadership Challenge dinner. There are about 60 names on this leadership list. It will be held at Eden Seminary in the Commons catered by Eden caterers on October 24. It was suggested that Geoffrey Black, the denomination’s general minister and president, be the key note speaker for the dinner. There was some GB conversation around the choice of guest speaker and the need for someone that will resonate with the local membership and that will inspire giving. Pastor Molsberry shared his view on GB members’ role in this effort- make our own financial commitment ahead of time and sponsor a table at this event. Carol Crooks will be joining the Stewardship Team.
LEARNING TEAM- Debbie Gregg
Big changes to Church School starting this fall (driven by low attendance and lack of teacher recruits) Learning and Worship joint circles have the following schedule in place:

A. Adult ED classes - meet every Sunday except the 2nd Sunday of the month
B. Church School classes- meet every 1st and 3rd Sunday. Broken into 3 classes:
   1) Age 3 to kindergarten
   2) 1st and 2nd grade
   3) 3rd. 5th grade
   **Adult teachers to be supported by 10th-12th youth.
C. Intergenerational Service – 2nd Service of the month
D. Offering for Music (Joyful Noise Makers) - 4th Sunday of the month
E. Intergenerational Activity/ Service Project- each 5th Sunday of the month
   **Need adults to help with 2, 4, 5 Sundays
F. Youth Group (6 – 9 graders)
   Grundy’s will lead (Carla and Christopher); Peer Ministry Program
   10-12 graders to stay with Debbie and Church School program

Debbie also reported that Safe Church Form needs to be filled out by all new GB members. Kelly will send out.

MUSIC SEARCH UPDATE- Pastor Molsberry
Darcy hired officially. Current search very close to complete. Candidate to visit with the choir week of 8/18/15 for their evaluation. Should be very happy with candidate.

GB RETREAT- Joe Kelly
In preparation for arrival of new minister, it was agreed that a 1 ½ day GB retreat is desirable by GB members. A discussion was held around the format and details. The consensus of the group is that a Friday evening –Saturday all day held locally is best. Peacetree Retreat Center affiliated with Zion UCC in Florissant was suggested- peaceful location and far enough away to deter distractions. The dates proposed (assuming we can secure the location) are Friday and Saturday 10/9-10/2015. It was also agreed that Darcy and Kelly should join us and offer them comp time or pay for attendance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Al Schon announced that the Fishers Circle new sign should be up and that there will be more focus groups conducted: recently joined PEACE; those who have not joined but are interested; have left and why.
Called /e mailed folks who have not attended service in the last 2-3 months to invite them, to Rally Day August 23rd.

The next GB meeting with be Tuesday September 15th, 2015 at 6:00PM
Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Melissa Hattman
Secretary