

July Congregational Meeting Sunday July 31st, 2016

Call to Order: GB Chair Joe Kelly 12:20 pm

Opening Prayer: Pastor Wendy Bruner

Quorum count: 50 needed- 78 in attendance

Appointment of Parliamentarians: Co – appointees Wynn Miller and Ken Ulmer

Motion to appoint: Debbie Kelly, Second: Elaine Alexander ; Motion passed.

Approval of February 7, 2016 congregational Meeting Minutes

MSP

Governing Body/State of the Community Report- Joe Kelly

Reflected on the hard work of the pastor search team that ended successfully with the confirmation of Wendy Bruner who accepted the call to come to PEACE.

Summary highlights of last six months with Pastor Bruner:

Ability to see the strengths and challenges at PEACE in recommitting to our mission statement: Following the God made known in the life and teachings of Jesus, we at PEACE United Church of Christ gather as an Open and Affirming community to worship, learn and serve. A simple but NOT easy mission.

- 1) Financial Status reflects how we are acting as a church
- 2) PEACE UCC Foundation- looks for new ways to leverage our resources
- 3) Fisher's Circle- looking thoughtfully at how we better define our membership to congregation/ how to bring more to the church.
- 4) Open and Affirming- adoption of the OWL curriculum

On the Horizon—Freedom Summer School Summer 2017.

Joe expressed his excitement about where we are at PEACE currently. Moving intentionally and strategically to getting on with our mission.

Financial Update- Scott Guerrero

Open and reassuring status. Highlights as of June 30 report: The church has paid off all of its debts. General fund: \$189,000. Member giving: \$146,500. Teams are staying under budget with a \$9000 surplus through June.

212 Bldg income. - \$80K in general fund moved to an investment account at Cornerstone. All good news.

Scott expressed his gratitude to the congregation for their support during his term as lead of Financial Team.

Peace UCC Foundation Report- Doug Cormack

Currently \$700K in foundation. To encourage expansion in giving, Trustees have created a new brochure outlining three ways to establish a lasting gift or memorial for PEACE UCC – General Fund, Memorial Fund, Endowment Fund.

We are currently supporting 25-30 organizations through the foundation.

Trustee business: one member has resigned their position midterm. By-laws allow for an appointment to fulfill the unexpired term and the next term. Doug Cormack made a motion to appoint David Bann to this trustee position. Mickey Clarke Second, no Discussion, Motion Passed.

Freedom School Motion- Debbie Gregg

Debbie Gregg read the motion. (full motion language on file in church office)

Motion Second- Mickey Clarke

Discussion:

- 1) RE motion: Is there a minimum amount we need to have raised to be considered successful by March 2017? Response : Total budget needed for summer 2017 is 65K. Do not know the congregation's part as yet. Deaconess will contribute 14K-20K to cover early costs (application) and that is included in the 65K so the church is looking at 45-50K. The Circle is exploring all avenues for fund generation outside of the church GOB (grants, fundraising, etc)
- 2) Any insurance changes? Response: Probably not but we will know more through the application process.

- 3) How many years has this program been running in other churches? Leader with enough experience? Response: CDF since 1998 so lots of experience already in place.
- 4) Observation made about use of utilities during this time otherwise not being used currently by the church. Consider hidden costs of program.
- 5) Volunteer qualifications? Guidelines for teachers? Response: Curriculum day teachers are trained/vetted by CDF and Alex Haley Farm Program. PEACE volunteers for support activities will be governed by Safe Church Policy

CALL FOR VOTE: Passed with no Nays or Abstentions

Election of Team Leaders 2016-2017

Joe Kelly acknowledged the outgoing team leaders for all of their hard work and commitment to the Governing Body. Those leaders are Scott Guerrero, Lola Contestabile and Grace Morris.

Election of incoming TLs:

Nominees: David Faulkner (People Team)

Harry Wilson (Financial Team)

Marie Bardelmeire (Youth Rep)

Motion to elect: Jill Stratton

Second: Al Schon

No discussion.

Motion passed.

Lola called all Governing Body members 2016-2017 to be acknowledged and introduced to the congregation. Joe Kelly-GB Chair, Melissa Hattman-GB Secretary, Harry Wilson- Financial, David Faulkner-People, Marie Bardelmeire- Youth Rep., Jenny Davis- Community, Sandy Bowe- Servant, Debbie Gregg- Learning, Sarah Webster- Worship, Gary Boehnke- Facilities

No other business.

Adjournment- MSP

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Hattman Secretary

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