

**Peace United Church of Christ
Governing Body Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2016**

Call to Order 6:00 pm – Joe Kelly

Attendees: Rev. Wendy Bruner, Joe Kelly, Debbie Gregg, Melissa Hattman, Al Schon, Jenny Davis, Gary Boehnke, Sarah Webster, Marilyn Stavenger, Lola Contestabile

Absent: Sandy Bowe, Grace Morris

Guests: Jeff Morris; Sue Ulmer

Check -in/ Brief status reports

Gary: Facilities is having discussions around reconfiguration of Narthex entry

Al: Sprouts of Peace will continue with three current groups; expand to 6 events annually (8-10 year olds) July and August 2016 dates will be informal play dates

People Team reviewing Safe Church Policy

New and Non Member Interview Findings- Jeff Morris

See attached presentation. Great presentation and robust information gleaned from interviews Jeff led us in role play scenarios around greeting visitors who 1) want to engage, 2) do not want to engage and 3), members we may not know or recognize(been members for years). Ask three questions for #1:

- A) What brings you here today?
- B) Is your family with you?
- C) What do you like to do outside of work and gently hand off to another member?

Statistics say that people will return if they are greeted by 3 people other than the pastor.

The main take away is: **Be aware** of the people around you.

Working Items:

- 1) Approval of February minutes: MSP
- 2) Approval of February Congregational Minutes: To GB chair only
- 3) Pastor Items – Wendy
 - a) Youth Activity—spend more time focusing on youth re-engagement. Wendy is working with Carla Grundy on this. Maybe survey the youth directly
 - b) Freedom School in STL 2017 (collaboration with Deaconess Foundation) Wendy and Kelly Archer (PEACE ambassador to Deaconess) are researching. Six week program for 50 students at a cost of 70-80K. No charge for children. Great documentary – Freedom Summer on PBS. Also check out the Children’s Defense Fund Website. Deaconess

Foundation will be a significant financial contributor if we decide to pursue. Decisions need to be made by July 2016.

- c) Need coverage in the Nursery for 1st and 2nd service on Easter Sunday.

Proposed Peace Capital Fund motion: Ken and Gary

See attached Proposed Motion to the PEACE UCC Governing Body Concerning the 212 Building.

Motion made: Sarah Webster; Seconded: Lola Constestabile; Motion Passed

Other Items: None

MSP to adjourn. 8:05

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Hattman, Secretary