

**Peace United Church of Christ
Governing Body Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2015**

6:10-6:40pm GB shared a dinner with Rev. Wendy Bruner who led us in prayer.

Joe Kelly called meeting to order at 6:45 pm

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

Absent: Grace Morris

GB Chair asked Wendy to say a few words in opening the meeting.

She shared her “agenda” with the GB. It is her hope that the Peace Mission Statement will guide our entire decision making. Evaluate activity – does it reflect the mission? Relationship building is her passion and for her that takes place outside of the church building and in the community- how do we tell our story in the community? It is her belief that Peace’s success in relationship building in the community must be grounded in a “walking with..., not doing for...” philosophy. There was a short group discussion around this philosophy to gain more clarity.

Approval of November 17, 2015 minutes

MSP

Finance Update- Scott Guerrero

Scott needs all Team budgets/requests by Thursday 12/17. Good news - PEACE will end the year with a positive balance due to the Search Circle funds not spent and moving expenses for the Bruner’s were nil as the family moved themselves.

People Team and Finance Team conveners will meet to discuss salary recommendations for paid staff.

Budget recommendations are decided within the teams and come to GB for approval.

There was discussion around managing unbudgeted expense items. (ex. Stewardship event) Consensus was that these items need to be brought to GB for discussion and big money items must be approved by GB.

GB needs a budget line for its expenses for conference delegates, etc. (LY spent \$475.00) Approved \$500 for 2016.

Stewardship Update- Scott Guerrero

Best campaign ever for Peace. Pledges increased 13% over last year and combined with “non-pledge” but reliable income to the church resulted in \$313,834.00 vs LY \$286,000.00. Peace will probably net \$280K of the \$286K for the 2015 year. Most of this increase will go to cover the cost of FT administrative personnel salary and benefits. Scott will submit an article to News and Notes about the Stewardship Campaign results to be printed in the 12/20 Bulletin. Thank you notes will go out in early January.

Miscellaneous

- **Ramp Status** refers to ramp in the sanctuary. Worship team to provide status report to GB.
- **\$1500.00 donation from St. Francis and Clare- Scott:** Frank Krebs asked the money be applied to “refresh” the sanctuary. After much discussion around the intent of the contribution and whether or not an external donation should be held to the same Refresh Campaign terms as understood by the congregants (50%funds to refresh activities /50% to pay down debts) GB asked , to eliminate confusion , that Frank reword the terms of the donation; to be specific and delete any use of the phrase “ Refresh Campaign”
- **Waldorf School Update-** On behalf of Mia Ulmer, Joe reported to the GB that WS would like to meet with Peace and the Shared Space Circle in January to continue discussions on uses of expanded, shared space. (classrooms, etc.)

New Business

February 7th -2016 Annual meeting. All reports must be in by mid -January for publishing.

Team meeting minutes are to be submitted to Church Office for archiving. Kelly was to set up a Drop Box with folders for Teams to use. Needs action as none is currently available for use.

Other Business:

Sandy Bowe has agreed to serve as Servant Team leader effective immediately to fulfill unexpired term of Jean Karr. Debbie Gregg made the **motion:** Appoint Sandy Bowe as acting interim team leader for Servant Team until July 2016 Congregational meeting. **Motion second:** by Jenny Davis. **Motion passed.**

Janet Rundquist has agreed to serve as Worship Circle convener (w/ Sarah Webster). **Motion** made by Sarah Webster: Appoint Janet Rundquist effective immediately to serve as Worship Circle Convener until Congregational meeting July 2016. **Motion Second:** Debbie Gregg. **Motion passed.**

GB discussion followed around terms of service for Team and Circle conveners. Joe Kelly will provide GB with the terms of service for each position.

Next meeting date- January 19, 2016 , 6:00pm- primary focus is the Future Story and actionable items.

Meeting adjourned 8:12 pm

Respectfully submitted, Melissa Hattman, Secretary

