Call to order: Debbie Gregg - 6:00pm

Attendees: Gary Boehnke, Sandy Bowe, Wendy Bruner, Jenny Davis, David Faulkner, Jenn German (for Melissa Hattman), Sarah Webster, Harry Wilson

Absent: Melissa Hattman, Marilyn Stavenger, Joe Kelly

Guests: n/a

Opening Prayer / Reading: Pastor Wendy Bruner

I. Personal Check-In (Joy and Concerns):

Reflections on friends in crisis, spending time with family, appreciation on behalf of the Ripple Effect Choir for the dinner prepared by members of Peace as well as Peace’s hospitality, retirement, attendance at the Abraham Hicks Conference in Alaska, treatment milestones for the Siteman Cancer Center, challenges with getting organized, conclusion of Freedom School this week, expressed need to fill full-time administrative coverage in the church office.

II. Approval of Minutes:

June GB minutes approved - Motion: S. Bowe; Second: D. Gregg; Passed

III. Work Items:

Minutes from Congregational Meeting on February 5, 2017: GB reviewed minutes and there will be a motion to be approved at the Congregational Meeting scheduled for July 30, 2017.

Open GB Positions (two-year terms beginning August 2017):

   Community: J. Davis reported Cindi Myers has expressed interest. J. Davis will confirm.
   People: D. Gregg, nominee
   Learning: M. Hattman, nominee
   Youth: No nominee named
   Secretary: J. German, nominee

D. Faulkner will create a report and motion for the appointment of the above named nominees on Sunday, July 30, 2017.

July Congregational Agenda:

   1. Call to order
2. Opening prayer
3. Checking for a quorum
4. Appointing a Parliamentarian
5. Approving the minutes from February 5, 2017
6. State of the community report
7. Financial update: H. Wilson advised the finance team is still putting together a stewardship campaign. D. Gregg advised using this opportunity to remind people to be looking for the stewardship campaign.
8. Report from the Foundation
9. GB Leader Selection: D. Faulkner presenting nominees
10. Freedom School Update: W. Bruner advised that last year at this time we made the decision to move forward as long as could raise the funds needed. G. Boehnke asked when a financial report would be available for the congregation to review. W. Bruner advised that a decision about continuing Freedom School next year would need to be made now because of the application deadline on 9/1/2017. The GB agreed it would be appropriate for W. Bruner to make a statement of celebration to the congregation advising Peace plans to participate next year providing the funding sources are in place. The GB would like to be sure the congregation supports and affirms the decision of continuation. W. Bruner also advised we’ve made our financial commitment to Deaconess, with a reserve to use for startup next year. W. Bruner advised one of the long-time participants in the Freedom School said he had never seen such amazing participation from church’s congregation like Peace. Across the board, Freedom School seems to have been a wonderful experience and it has been life-changing for some of the families. The GB decided to present J. Einspahr with a $150 gift card for her exceptional effort and kindness during Freedom School. S. Webster will purchase. The SLIs from Peace Freedom School will be joining for Sunday service this week. The gift card will be given at either Sunday service or the Congregational Meeting.
11. Other Business
12. Adjournment

Worship Learning Worship Circle (WLWC): D. Gregg will draft a handout and request that an announcement be placed in the bulletin.

Finance Report – H. Wilson:
1. Financial Statement thru June 30, 2017: Although Peace is in the positive, the figure is misleading because there are items which have not yet been paid. Pledges are down, partially because the pledges do not automatically renew through the contributor’s banks annually. There is concern about finding out late in the year again next year. It was suggested that financial statements be made available before June of each year. H. Wilson agreed to check with the Finance Committee about printing reports.

2. Church Building Update (from the Fact Finding Circle): All offers from the Sansone Group are off the table at this time. Therefore, the question has been raised whether or not Peace should proceed with continuing efforts to move. The GB agreed that a statement should be made to the congregation. D. Faulkner agreed to write a draft statement to be communicated to the GB via e-mail for finalization by the GB. Learning time has been set aside this Sunday for reporting on the building. The GB will present the finalized statement and the Fact Finding Circle will present their report at that time. The finalized building status statement will also be read at the
Congregational Meeting. The GB agreed to revisit the Master Plan with the input of the circles to talk about action and moving forward.

Open Full-Time Administrative Position – D. Faulkner: The job description for the office position was rewritten to include: qualifications, job goals, physical requirements/environmental conditions, performance responsibilities, evaluation and terms of employment. Seeking internal candidates initially.

Motion to accept job description: H. Wilson; Second: S. Webster; Passed

Motion to adjourn meeting: D. Faulkner; Second: S. Webster; Passed 7:26pm

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Jenn German for Melissa Hattman, GB Secretary