

**PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Governing Body (GB) Meeting Minutes
November 27, 2017**

Call to order: Joe Kelly - 6:00pm

Attendees: Gary Boehnke, Wendy Bruner, Jenn German, Harry Wilson, Sandy Bowe, Melissa Hattman, Cindi Myers

Absent: Debbie Gregg, Sarah Webster

Guests: Bob Karr

Opening Prayer / Reading: Pastor Wendy Bruner

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

Reflections on: how much we have to be thankful for, reaching out to loved ones, balancing fun and responsibility and looking forward to travel plans in January, there was at least one household without turkey served this year, the challenges of engaging with difficult family members, family member surgery, hosting holidays, or not hosting for the first time, recovering from illness and applying for citizenship.

II. Approval of Minutes:

October 24, 2017 GB minutes will be reviewed/approved at the December 19, 2017 meeting.

III. Agenda Items:

Peace Foundation Discussion (B. Karr): The Trustees of the foundation are Bob Karr, Doug Cormack, Bob Hill, Clarence Myers and are serving rotating (3) year terms.

The Peace Foundation will contribute \$34,000 to the operating budget, calculated at just over \$8,000 per quarter. One of the responsibilities of trustees of the foundation is to preserve intergenerational equity. The current spending rate is 4.5%. The trustees would like to begin thinking of new ways to utilize the money. Bob provided scenarios such as: would it be advantageous to deposit the money to the church for the GB to recommend its designated uses to the congregation, reducing the spending rate to let the endowment grow, or leave at 4.5% and spend what is not needed to balance the budget on items such as an elevator or to supplement Freedom School, etc.

B. Karr also discussed the perception of the competition between Stewardship efforts and efforts to increase the size of the endowment and what's the best way to address that. It was mentioned to have one of the trustees of the Peace Foundation serve on the Stewardship Circle that is currently being formed and will begin reporting to the GB in January 2018. It will be lead by Jenn German.

B. Karr also advised Doug Cormack's term is ending and Nancy McDonald will stand for election as Trustee at the next Congregational Meeting.

Pledge Updates (H. Wilson): Harry 2018 pledges are down by just over 10 units for a total of 74 units. 53 increased by an average of 16%; 9 stayed the same; only 5 decreased pledge amount. J. Kelly advised giving people a target amount as an example.

Worship and General Physical Space Configuration (All): As a result of our discussions at the retreat, we decided to focus on the idea of worship and general space around the topic of flexibility and accessibility. H. Wilson prepared a slide presentation around what the discussions and congregational approval has been around space configuration. H. Wilson provided the following attachments and the group discussed (copies available from GB Secretary):

- "A" – Evangelical United Church of Christ – Preliminary Plan by Area
- "B" – Preliminary Design, A1 02 Main Level
- "C" – Preliminary Design, A1 01 Lower Level
- "D" – Organizational Plan to Implement EUCC Facilities Project(s)
- "E" – EUCC Budget Pricing

The group discussed the possibility of forming a "Worship Space Circle" under the Worship Team. W. Bruner will speak to the Worship Team. This Circle would tackle topics such as accessibility, audio, etc.

Next GB Meeting: December 19th at 6:00pm

Motion to adjourn meeting: Motion: M. Hattman; Second: S. Bowe; Passed 7:35pm

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Jenn German, GB Secretary