Minutes
Peace United Church of Christ Congregational Meeting
July 30, 2017

Call to Order: President, Joe Kelly called the meeting to order at 12:24 pm.

Quorum count: 42 needed - 67 in attendance; a quorum was declared.

Opening and Prayer: Pastor Wendy Bruner

Appointment of Parliamentarian: Brad Schnell nominated by Joe Kelly to serve as Parliamentarian. Motion to accept nomination: Elizabeth Schlager; second by Sue Yarber. Motion passed.

Approval of February 5, 2017 Congregational Meeting Minutes:
Motion to approve: Jim Heaton; second: Debbie Kelly; motion passed, the minutes were approved as written.

Governing Body State of the Community Report President, Joe Kelly

Joe Kelly reflected on the year’s activities likening them to the sermon on the mustard seed. Mustards Seeds of Peace:

Property Proposal: while the immediate proposal has been dismissed by the developer, the energy and time spent by the congregation examining who we are and who we aspire to be in considering this proposal will pay off in years to come.

Freedom School: the power of education will have an impact for years to come.

Our Sacred Stories: getting to know each other and the diverse journeys of Peace members.

OWL: program off to a successful start and fall 2017 programming already underway

Peace Coffee Hours

Prophetic Justice Circle: created under the Servant Team and led to PEACE membership in Metropolitan Congregations United (MCU)

Book groups
Recognition of Those who have been “in the thick of things for so long” and are transitioning out of their current roles at PEACE.

Joe publicly thanked Jenny Davis, Community Team Leader and David Faulkner, People Team Leader for all they have done for PEACE and as members of the Governing Body. He also announced that Kelly Archer is stepping down from her position in the Church Office to fully pursue her education at Eden and we wish her the very best.

**Update on Property:** David Faulkner, People Team Leader

David discussed the letter he sent out to the congregation regarding the current status of the property proposal (see attached). While there is now no immediate decision to be made regarding the sale, he stressed that the process that we went through as a congregation these last few months is invaluable to us. The work of the four circles continues to make of the most of our community space and resources.

**2017 Financial Budget:** Harry Wilson, Financial Team leader

The congregation adopted a balanced budget of $411,055 which included $21,825 added from surplus funds at the end of 2016. At the end of June 2017, we are at 45% of giving (roughly 3-4% behind budget). Pledges are down $16K. Problems arose with the automatic withdrawal system. It does not renew through contributor’s banks annually.

**Peace UCC Foundation Report:** Bob Karr, Foundation Trustee

Mr. Karr stated that the Foundation balance on 6-30-17 is $784,096,000. The income from the Peace UCC Foundation Funds used to support the General Fund 1-1-17 to 6-30-17 amounted to $16,953.

**Election of Team Leaders:** President Joe Kelly

Slate of nominees was presented:

People Team- Debbie Gregg
Community Team- Cindy Meyers
Servant Team- Sandy Bowe continues

Learning Team- Melissa Hattman

Secretary- Jenn German

Motion made to accept nominations by Jenny Davis; seconded by Brenda Detrick. No nominations from the floor or discussion. Motion passed.

Gift of appreciation to Wendy Bruner presented by Sarah Webster on behalf of the Freedom School Scholars (21)

**Freedom School Update- Pastor Wendy Bruner**

Goods and time contributed by so many impossible to measure. Time spent at lunch, at 4:00, preparing meals for parents on Wednesdays just to name a few. Thank you, thank you. Publicly thanked Jennifer Einspahr for all of her help stepping in at the late hour.

Financial update:

30K in expenditures:

- 20K in cash
- 10k in kind

Have a little money left for next year start up. Read a note to congregation from Landon family with an autistic child.

**Affirmation to continue Freedom School**: President Joe Kelly

Rather than a motion, President Kelly asked the congregation for an affirmation by voice that Freedom School is a part of Peace UCC. Ayes have it unanimously.

**Learning-Worship Circle report**: Debbie Gregg and Sarah Webster.

They announced the new program this fall- OUR journey. The goal is to take the learning hour into the worship into the world. Starts August 20th. See attachment for many more details on, themes, what’s new what’s not. There are lots of ways to participate.

**Other Business**: None
Motion to adjourn: Bob Risk, seconded: Mickey Clarke; passed

**Adjournment:** 12:54pm

**Respectfully submitted**

Melissa Hattman, GB Secretary