

**Sacramento United Methodist Union
Minutes- September 17, 2015
The Table United Methodist Church**

Present: Judie Streeter, Neal Harrell, Mike Hughes, Terry Haug, Alan Pedersen, Joe Archer, Joyce Brinsky, Vince Lepore, Tina Ballagh, Bill Ballagh, Carol Edwards, Matt Smith, Linda Dew-Hiersoux, Carol Conley, Cynthia Lawrence, Shigeko Shibata, Ron Hoppes, Don Lee, Mike Harrell

Matt opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from July meeting reviewed and approved.

Presentation from Davis UMC related to SUMU grant- (Grant- \$5,000) Pastor Kelly Love offered report. Congregation has been involved in a visioning process in hopes of achieving greater clarity of their mission better alignment of their respective ministries and programs with that vision. SUMU grant was to help them hire an outside consultant that would guide them in the next phase of this process. They were able to contract with a spiritually focused consultant who offered much in the way of learnings as well as opportunities for reflection and the movement of the Spirit. They have focused on three key ministry areas; Hospitality, Small Groups, and care for needy children. At this point congregational leadership is discerning whether to continue working with a consultant or whether to pivot in a different direction. \$750 of SUMU grant has been spent thus far. SUMU agreed that balance of grant funds could be used to support this continuing congregational process, regardless of the use of a consultant going forward. SUMU requested a brief written report on lessons learned, best practices, and the overall value of the consultant led process to the congregation.

Presentation from Table UMC related to SUMU grant- (Grant \$22,700) Pastor Linda Dew-Hiersoux offered report. Funds utilized to start a second worship service. Second service was launched in February 2015. Average weekly attendance, February - September 2014 was 144; for the same period in 2015 average was 216. Linda presented a detailed written report to the SUMU members to accompany her oral report, which included learnings as well as best practices.

Church Development Committee- Reported that letters inviting churches to apply for the next cycle of SUMU grants will be mailed today.

Treasurer Report- YTD investments lost \$13,420.32 which is relatively mild given recent volatility in the market. \$4,000 in camp scholarships were expended this month to SSP, still awaiting bill for \$1,000 in scholarships granted to the Conference. Tracking very close to budget. Loans on schedule. Assets almost \$600,000 and no liabilities. \$8,000 grant funds to First UMC Sacramento still pending. Neal will send formal letter, copied to Vince, who will then issue check.

Finance Report- Committee recommends maintaining current investment portfolio with WesPath for remainder of 2015. Finance committee will review again at beginning of 2016. SUMU affirmed recommendation.

Archives & History- Carol now in possession of several containers of paperwork/records from the Conference office. Earliest records are 1963. There are some gaps in records and some are in poor physical condition. Carol will begin process of reviewing file by file. Retaining meeting minutes and financial reports are the first priority. Cynthia and Joyce volunteered to be available to consult if Carol has questions. Matt will work on getting records together and sent to Carol from 2012 to current.

New Business- Updated SUMU rosters/contact sheets are available in hard copy at back. Matt will attach PDF with minutes of this meeting.

Next Meeting-

Thursday, November 19 @ The Table, noon. Our business will include the election of officers for 2016 as well as review and action on any grant requests.