

**Sacramento United Methodist Union
Meeting Notes - January 26, 2017
The Table United Methodist Church**

Present: Linda Dew-Hiersoux, Ken Iritani, Cynthia Lawrence, Carol Conley, Carol Edwards, Alan Pedersen, Brenda Jew Waters, Matt Smith, Judie Streeter, Loren Guffey, Mike Harrell, Neal Harrell, Kathy LaPoint-Collup, Terry Haug, Rod Brayfindley, Vince Lepore, Robert Kamuf, Shigeko Shibata,

Mike opened with a devotional.

November 2017 minutes reviewed and approved with 2 corrections

1. Identify Carol Edwards and Carol Conley in their respective roles of finance and archives.
2. Correct spelling of Loren Guffey.

Roster was passed around for 2017 to confirm attendance, phone, email and congregation.

Treasurer's Report - See attached documents - Vince Lepore

Vince presented Treasurer report. A current balance sheet and statement of income/expense report were provided and reviewed. All outstanding loans are current. Investments are solid through the end of the year. \$600,000.00 balance. Second mile giving was received from the Annual Conference (2016 second half of giving that has been owed)

Vince gave an overview of our financial history and our investments through Westpath.

Kathy LP-C encouraged all SUMU members to confirm understanding of "Askings" and additional 1% of giving (divided 4 ways) with their own local church and finance committee. She is available for assistance if needed.

Discontinuance of North Sacramento UMC (Ken Iritani)

Ken gave background and updated.

January 1, 2017 Matt Smith, Ken Iritani, Carol Edwards attended worship.

January 14, 2017 NSUMC voted at Church Conference convened by D.S. Schuyler Rhodes to close and become a legacy church.

There was a meeting following to make decision regarding closure dates. Effective closure date will be 2.1.17. Last worship service and celebration will be 2.5.17 \$51,398 is current liability. There may be more liability discovered in future.

Future may hold more of this type of work for SUMU in terms of property management and legacy. Matt Smith will convene Paragraph 213 meeting 1.26.17 for Oak Park UMC.

SUMU estimated budget impact from NSUMC \$90,000 for 2017. SUMU holds lien on NSUMC and understands that these expenses will be reimbursed upon future sale of NSUMC.

Questions raised regard DCG as realtor. Matt Smith and Mike Harrell are following up on contractual agreements between NSUMC and DCG to see if changes need to be made since the closure of NSUMC.

MOTION from Finance Committee: Approval of SUMU Budget 2017 which includes acceptance of the property assets and liabilities of NSUMC. Unanimously approved.

MOTION: We will have second signature for any checks over \$1,000

Linda Dew-Hiersoux & Kathy LaPoint-Collup will be our additional signers.

Unanimously approved.

Matt, Ken & Mike intend to inspect the parsonage 2.27.17 with property manager.

SUMU Structure proposal (Mike Harrell)

Rationale: SUMU is entering a new phase. As more churches in our region begin to have conversations about their capacity to remain viable, there will be a need for appropriately equipped individuals to come alongside them to offer guidance and care as they navigate those issues. In all likelihood this process will result in an increased number of properties and assets needing connectional stewardship . The Conference will also need a partner to work toward the establishment of viable New Church Starts in the Sacramento region utilizing those properties and assets. Given SUMU's efforts over the past several years to clarify its mission and align its organizational structure accordingly, it is perhaps the best positioned organization to address these needs. This will require use to re-align our structure again in an effort to support this emerging work.

Administrative

- Executive Team (President, Vice President, Secretary, Finance Chair, Treasurer, immediate past President)
- Finance Committee (Manages SUMU funds, recommends/implements SUMU policies and procedures)
- Archives and History (Maintains SUMU archival records)
- Communications (Updates/manages website, point person for publicity or communication with other organizations.)

Legacy

- Congregational Care team (Provides spiritual care, support, and guidance to congregations exploring the possibility of becoming a Legacy Church.)
- Stewardship team (Provides management oversight of discontinued church properties while SUMU holds the title for such properties)

Church Development

- Congregational Revitalization team (Manages grant and loan programs for existing congregations seeking financial assistance in their efforts to revitalize)
- New Church Start team (Work with appropriate Conference leadership to identify, assess, and imagine potential opportunities for New Church Starts in the Sacramento region)

There was a brief discussion of new structure. Vince praised the preparedness and vision for the future. Proposal of SUMU Structure was unanimously approved in concept.

It was also unanimously approved that the Executive Committee has permission to act on behalf of SUMU.

Archives and History (Carol Conley)

Carol has been ill and has nothing to report.

2017 Meeting Schedule: (All Meetings from noon-1pm)

- March 16, 2017 (The Table at Central UMC, 5265 H Street Sacramento)
- May 18, 2017 (The Table at Central UMC, 5265 H Street Sacramento)
- July 20, 2017 (The Table at Central UMC, 5265 H Street Sacramento)
- September 21, 2017 (The Table at Central UMC, 5265 H Street Sacramento)
- November 16, 2017 (Location TBD)

Respectfully Submitted, Linda Dew-Hiersoux, secretary.