

**Sacramento United Methodist Union
Minutes- September 18, 2014 SUMU
The Table @ Central UMC**

In Attendance: Matt Smith, Linda Dew-Hiersoux, Gloria Phinney, Cynthia Lawrence, Nancy Cook, Joyce Brinsky, Doris Baxter, Barbara Brady, Bob Kamuf, Alan Pedersen, Tina Ballagh, Joe Archer, Neal Harrell, Brenda Jew Waters, Mike Harrell, Robin Marose

Matt opened with general history of SUMU and prayer

Minutes from July meeting were reviewed and approved, with corrections to misspelled names.

DS Report- (Matt on behalf of Schuyler)

- a.) Schuyler is working with Building and Location committee to provide facility assessments of all Bridges District churches, by an outside group of consultants. The intent of these assessments would be to assist local congregations in assessing risks, assets, and necessary repairs related to their properties. We are anticipating a request from Schuyler that SUMU consider funding these facility assessments for SUMU member churches.
- b.) Schuyler continues to facilitate "resurrection conversations" focused on revitalization.
- c.) Schuyler continues to advocate for full funding of the Imagine No Malaria initiative

Committee reviewed Treasurer report and Finance Update as submitted. No questions.

Campership Disbursements- Between July and September meetings; Matt, Kathy, and Vince fielded a request that SUMU help fund a Spanish language summer camp in the amount of \$500. Due to poor communication between the camp leadership and Conference staff, the camp was not formally recognized or sanctioned as a Conference Camp and therefore was not eligible to receive financial support. Leadership of the camp did not recognize this reality until just before the camp was to be held. Request was granted due to emergency nature of the situation and was made clear to the camp leadership that in the future campership requests need to be made, utilizing the established procedures SUMU has in place. The camp did take place and 23 people from Emmanuel were able to attend.

Church Development- Joe and Neal reported that two grant requests had been received thus far for the September 30th funding cycle. One from Hope UMC and a revised request from The Table. SUMU has funded 3 grants so far this year. Received brief status reports related to the "circuit grant" awarded to Fair Oaks UMC (www.thecircuitrevival.com) and grant awarded to Elverta UMC. Will hear report from Riverside UMC at our November meeting.

Archives and History- No report

Telephone and Sunshine- No report

Tina closed us in prayer.

Next Meeting: 11/20/2014, noon - 1pm @ Riverside UMC . (803 Vallejo Way, Sacramento)
-submitted by, Mike Harrell