

**Sacramento United Methodist Union
Meeting Notes- January 28, 2016
The Table United Methodist Church**

Present: Brenda Jew Waters, Kathy LaPoint-Collup, Mike Hughes, Cynthia Lawrence, Terry Haug, Carol Conley, Robert Kamuf, Alan Pedersen, Shigeo Shibata, Carol Edwards, Joyce Brinsky, Neal Harrell, Linda Dew-Hiersoux, Matt Smith, Mike Harrell

Matt opened with prayer

Reviewed and approved minutes from November 19, 2015.

General Announcements- Matt shared that long time SUMU member Doris Baxter, and her husband Billy, long time member of SUMU recently passed away. SUMU was designated as a recipient of memorial donations for the Baxters and also was bequeathed 1/3 of their trust. The board observed a moment of silence to honor their memory, service, and ongoing legacy. Matt reminded everyone that another District Revival is scheduled for February 6th @ Fairfield UMC.

Finance/Treasurer Report- Carol reviewed December/year-end financial reports. Presented 2016 proposed budget. The following changes to the budget were proposed: remove \$5,000 in expenses for scholarships and roll into 2016 grants, roll over \$22,756.04 in unused grant funds from 2015 into 2016 making available funds for grants in 2016 equaling \$56,000. 2016 budget approved as revised.

Update on loan to North Sacramento UMC- Carol reported that loan has been extended in the amount of \$15,000 to assist the congregation with maintaining its property and liability insurance and other miscellaneous transitional costs as they work toward selling the church property. The loan will be paid back, with interest, at time of the sale of property. Bulk of proceeds of sale will be held by SUMU for use in funding new ministry in the Sacramento area. Charge Conference to formalize all of this is still pending. The church plans to continue as a chartered congregation, rent a storefront from which they hope to continue their homeless outreach while retaining their parsonage as a source of rental income to support themselves. There was significant conversation about the future viability of the congregation and whether this plan represented good stewardship of Conference resources.

2016 Committee Structure- Sign ups went around for Finance, Church Development, Archives & History, Nominating, Sunshine, & Legacy sub-committees.

Church Development Update- Neal reported that the committee is working on making adjustments to the process that would enable more opportunity to review applications and ask questions for clarification prior to the committee meeting to act on specific grant requests. Board voted to review grant requests at their May 26 and November 17 meetings, grants will be due one month prior. Neal reported that Foothills UMC had offered an addendum to their November 2015 grant request addressing the concerns/questions that had initially led the committee to recommend denying the grant request. Based on that, Neal presented to the board the opportunity to reconsider the Foothills grant request. The board granted reconsideration and approved funding of the grant in the amount of \$19,425 in support of a new worship service at Foothills UMC. With this action \$36,000 in grant funds remain for 2016. Neal reported that notification letters to other grant applicants from November cycle are still in the process of being sent.

Meeting Schedule-

March 17, 2016 @ First Sacramento
May 26, 2016 @ The Table
July 21, 2016 @ The Table
September 15, 2016 @ Foothills UMC
November 17, 2016 @ The Table

submitted by- Mike Harrell