

**Sacramento United Methodist Union  
Minutes- May 21, 2015  
The Table United Methodist Church**

Present: Matt Smith, Vince Lepore, Alan Pedersen, Joe Archer, Brenda Jew Waters, Terry Haug, Carol Conley, Gloria Phinney, Joyce Brinsky, Carol Edwards, Neal Harrell, Linda Dew-Hiersoux, Judie Streeter, Shigeko Shibata, Robin Marose

Matt opened meeting sharing a reflection on Pew Research Center's recently released findings on continuing decline of Christian affiliation specifically, and religious affiliation generally, in the US.

Minutes from March meeting were M/S/A

Report from Elverta UMC- Robin shared that the church has completed the conversion of a room to a food storage area and that the church has received official certification as a food closet for the Sacramento Food Bank. First food distribution was conducted last Saturday, goal is 40 bags, one family received assistance. \$1,000 of the \$5,000 SUMU grant has been spent thus far. Congregation plans to use the balance of grant to help augment their own on-going support of this ministry.

Finance Report- Carol Edwards reported that effort to update SUMU officers list with Wespath Investment is still in process. Vince recommended that all authorized officers have transactional permissions on accounts, SUMU board affirmed the recommendation. Any additional volunteers to join Finance committee, please talk with Carol.

Church Development Team- Grant deadline shifted back to July 10 due to material getting out later than intended. Applications will be sent out via USPS and can also be sent digitally by contacting Joe Archer. Church Development team consists of: Tina Ballagh, Paul Hoagland, Judie Streeter, Mike Hughes, Neal Harrell and Joe Archer. Team will meet on July 16, just prior to SUMU meeting, and will bring grant recommendations to full board. New volunteers are always welcome, talk to Joe or Neal if interested. Elverta, Fair Oaks (Circuit), The Table, Davis, Riverside UMC are previous grant recipients.

Treasurer Report- Reviewed financial reports for March and April. Tracking to budget as of end of April. Notes with Emanuel and Rio Linda congregations are current. Continuing to research diversification options for investment funds. Carol has two potential options for diversification through Wespath. A question was raised regarding whether Wespath values are in alignment/consistent with SUMU values and objectives...finance committee will discuss value alignment and diversification options and report back at July board meeting.

Archives & History- Carol Conley looking for items to include in archives/history. Matt has a binder of archival material to contribute. Carol will contact Cindy Buna at Conference Center to see if additional materials are in storage there.

Update on SUMU Membership- Betty Jo has formally resigned from SUMU due to health concerns. Judie will take on responsibility to update SUMU roster/contact information.

New Business- Question raised as to whether SUMU boundaries should be re-defined to reflect current district boundaries. Board affirmed desire to leave SUMU boundaries as they are, but expressed willingness to evaluate and make changes on a case by case basis.

Meeting adjourned.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**May 21 @ noon, The Table**

**July 16 @ noon, The Table**

**September 17 @ noon, The Table**

**November 19 @ noon, Davis UMC**

*Submitted-Mike Harrell*