

Sacramento United Methodist Union
Meeting Notes- May 26, 2016
The Table @ Central UMC

Present: Carol Conley, Brenda Jew Waters, Cynthia Lawrence, Judie Streeter, Ken Iritami, Robert Kamuf, Carol Edwards, Alan Pedersen, Vince Lepore, Shigeko Shibata, Kathy LaPoint-Collup, Linda Dew-Hiersoux, Mike Harrell

Kathy, as vice-chairperson, facilitated the meeting in Matt's absence.

Subcommittee sign-up sheet was shared again for people to review and volunteer accordingly

Grant Report- Angela Kolak and Carolee Catterall from Elverta UMC reported on the congregation's "40 Bags" food ministry which has been supported by a \$5,000 grant from SUMU. The food ministry has been in operation for a year having spent 40% of the grant thus far. On average, the congregation has served 3 families on monthly basis, the initial goal being 40 per month. Those reported acknowledged that this ministry hasn't been a catalyst for attracting new members to the church as hoped. They indicated a desire to move the distribution from the church site to a neighboring school in hopes that would make access easier and increase participation, and then consider moving it back to the church site at a later date if warranted. The school has been the church's primary promotional outlet for this ministry from the beginning. SUMU indicated their support of making the shift from the church site to the school site.

DS Report- No Report

Treasurer Report- Vince voiced ongoing frustration about the lack of receipt of any "Second Mile Giving" from the Conference. Vince and Kathy have previously discussed this concern with the Conference Treasurer, SUMU supported them doing so again as the issue continues to go unresolved. Financial reports were presented and reviewed. Vince reported that stock performance was stable as of April. There has been one grant disbursement so far this year. Quarterly income from Endowment Board has been received. Balance sheet is strong. SUMU current total assets of \$581,000.

Finance Report- Carole reported that she continues to try and engage the leadership of North Sacramento UMC on unresolved issues in relation to their recent loan from SUMU. A check from SUMU for a \$5,000 portion of the loan still had not been cashed by North Sacramento leadership as of the end of May. Carole has also heard from other sources that North Sacramento's parsonage rental situation is in transition and that it may also be sold. SUMU had been led to believe previously that North Sacramento intended to retain the parsonage and use the rental income to fund their on-going ministry presence. Thus far, North Sacramento leadership is not being responsive to Carole's efforts to discuss these issues with them. Carole did indicate for SUMU's awareness that the loan note is written in such a way that SUMU will be paid back, in relation to whichever piece of property sells first, church site or parsonage. Carole will continue to try and engage the North Sacramento leadership around these issues. Kathy suggested that she and Matt attempt to follow up with Schuyler at the same time about our ongoing concerns and information we would like to have. Vince, again, graciously offered to provide help to the North Sacramento leadership as it relates to their financial management issues. Carole also shared she was in conversation with Rio Linda UMC about being available to receive the final payment on their SUMU loan. In closing, Finance committee recommends renewing and combining current notes with the Endowment Board into one note at an interest rate of 4.5% for a 5 year term; and additionally transfer \$25,000 from WesPath investments into the note with the Endowment Board. Recommendation was M/S/A by SUMU board.

Church Development- No Report

Extension Society meeting 4/23/16- No Report

Report on Church Legacy Project- Mike and Kathy shared background information on a recent meeting they attended with Matt in relation to efforts to establish a Church Legacy Project team in our Conference and how an Extension Society like SUMU might be an important partner in that kind of effort. The board discussed the likely necessity of creating a separate “new church start” sub-group and funding process within SUMU, along-side the already existing Church Development focus for revitalizing current congregations.

Kathy closed the meeting at 12:45pm.

Linda offered a closing prayer

Meeting Schedule-

July 21, 2016 @ The Table

September 15, 2016 @ Foothills UMC

November 17, 2016 @ The Table

Submitted by- Mike Harrell, Secretary