

**Sacramento United Methodist Union  
Minutes- July 16, 2015  
The Table United Methodist Church**

Present: Judie Streeter, Kathy La-Point Collup, Neal Harrell, Mike Hughes, Terry Haug, Alan Pedersen, Joe Archer, Joyce Brinsky, Vince Lepore, Tina Ballagh, Carol Edwards, Brenda Jew Waters, Matt Smith, Linda Dew-Hiersoux, Carol Conley, Cynthia Lawrence, Mike Harrell

Matt announced Judy Shearer will be the new representative from Fair Oaks UMC upon Gloria Phinney's stepping down.

Matt opened the meeting with a devotional from Walter Brueggemann.

Minutes from May meeting were reviewed and adopted.

Judie passed around a board roster for members to review and make revisions and corrections

Treasurer Report- Reviewed income statement for first six months of the year. Income is on track as budgeted. Note from Emmanuel is current, Rio Linda had not made July payment as of July SUMU meeting. June was not a good month for our investments but overall investments have been performing well. Balance sheet reflects strong financial stability. Outside auditor has reviewed financial reports from 2010-2013 and has given a verbal report to Kathy La-Point Collup that everything was in good standing. Verbal report from auditor accepted by SUMU board. Vince reported all authorized SUMU officers have been given transactional permissions on accounts per action from May meeting.

Finance Committee- Carol reported committee was not able to meet since May. Intention is to meet between July and September SUMU meeting and bring any outstanding recommendations to September board meeting.

Church Development- Committee received and reviewed three grant requests this cycle and makes the following recommendations:

- First UMC , Sacramento- \$8,000 to fund expansion of ministry to senior citizens living in specific facilities and housing within a certain proximity to the church. **Grant Approved.**
- Rancho Cordova UMC- \$10,000 to pay for facility improvements to the church kitchen required by county health department for the congregation's use and their feeding ministry. Grant request falls outside scope of SUMU priorities. **Grant Declined.** Recommended congregation seek a "Peace with Justice" grant through the Conference, a Beulah grant through UMW, partnership with other community organizations, or SUMU loan program.
- Riverside UMC- \$24,020 to fund a wide variety of programs within the congregation and beyond the congregation, some of which fall within the scope of SUMU's work and some that do not. Grant request was too broad and lacking in specifics as was their written report on the SUMU grant received in 2014. **Grant Declined.** Encouraged them to do some more work on focusing priorities with the invitation to submit again at a later date.
- Run another cycle of grant requests in 2015 with a submission date of November 1, 2015 and revising maximum grant amount to \$20,000 for this cycle.

Recommendation of committee M/S/A by full board. Church development committee will follow up with a letter to all congregations requesting grants and notifying First Church of need to report back to SUMU about grant sometime in 2016.

Archives and History- Carol is still in the process of collecting archival material and asks people to continue to direct those materials to her.

Future Meetings Agendas and locations- September 17, 2015 will meet at Davis UMC and hear reports from Davis UMC and The Table at that time. November 19, 2015 will meet at The Table and review next cycle of grant requests and nominate leadership for 2016.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by-Mike Harrell