

**Sacramento United Methodist Union DRAFT Minutes July 17, 2014  
The Table @Central UMC**

In Attendance: Mike Harrell, Gloria Phinney, Joseph Archer, Neal R. Harrell, Brenda Jew Waters, Alan J. Pederson, Betty Jo Rose, Cynthia Lawrence, Judie Streeter, Doris Baxter, Joyce Brensky, Barbara Brady, Robin Marose, Linda Dew-Hiersoux, Matthew Smith, Vince Lepore

Excused Absences: Ron Hoppes, Lathy La-Point Collup

Matt Opened with prayer from Walter Bruegemann

Matt and Neal shared on behalf of D.S. Schuyler Rhodes the importance of district wide Resurrection Conversations and PayDay Loans/Micro Lending programs being piloted by a couple of churches in the bay area. Matt also shared that due to a scheduling conflict with another district committee Schuyler's ability to be present at SUMU meetings will be limited.

**MSA Minutes from May 2014 meeting, as presented.**

Finance Update

We continue to seek a Finance chair. A written job description is available. Need publicized in Instant Connection. Decided to reach out to and invite larger size worshipping congregations not currently represented on SUMU first, starting with Woodland UMC.

Treasurer's Report

Vince Lepore reviewed reports for May and June. (see attached)

Church Development

Joseph Archer reviewed grant actions taken at May meeting. Reported on two new grant requests received as part of the June 30<sup>th</sup> cycle, one from Fair Oaks UMC and one from The Table @ Central UMC.

Fair Oaks request: \$10,000 to help fund a collaborative youth ministry program involving Fair Oaks, Rancho Cordova, St. Andrews, and St. Marks congregations. Program to consist of a series of monthly and quarterly events with follow up. Committee recommended SUMU grant \$8,000 of the request and direct them to SUMU's campership program for the additional \$2,000. **MSA to fund \$8,000 of grant request, with expectation of a report on progress and learnings in 6 months.**

The Table request: \$23,300 to help fund a second on-site weekly worship experience. Those funds would go toward music staff as well as resource and technology upgrades. In collaboration with this new worship experience, The Table has also requested grant funds from the Young Clergy Initiative to help mentor and train talented artists and musicians in worship leadership. Committee recommends that we table this request until SUMU's November meeting to see if the Young Clergy Initiative grant funding comes through. **MSA to table grant request until November meeting but to set aside \$23,300 for the purpose of funding the request.**

Neal Harrell stressed the need for extra diligence in the granting process when members of SUMU come forward with requests so as to avoid any perception of impropriety. Clarified that Vince Lepore is responsible for cutting and distributing grant checks. By consensus one more grant request cycle, deadline September 30<sup>th</sup>, was confirmed. Confirmed that Neal Harrell and Joseph Archer will take responsibility for arranging 6 month progress reports with churches that receive grant funds. Was reported that a new paragraph is being included in grant award letters advising recipients that any use of grant funds beyond the scope of the initial request needs to be approved by SUMU.

Archives & History-No Report

Telephone & Sunshine Reports- No Report

Miscellaneous-

No information regarding camperships has been received from the Conference, yet. We will spend time re-familiarizing ourselves with SUMU's stated mission at our next meeting.

Next Meetings:

September 18, 2014 (The Table @ Central UMC 5265 H Street, Sacramento CA 95819)

November 20, 2014 (Riverside UMC @ 803 Vallejo Way, Sacramento CA 95819)

Submitted by- Mike Harrell