

**Sacramento United Methodist Union
Meeting Notes - November 17, 2016
The Table United Methodist Church**

Present: Linda Dew Hiersoux, Ken Iritani, Cynthia Lawrence, Carol Conley, Carol Edwards, Alan Pedersen, Gail Chiew, Jim Waters, Brenda Jew Waters, Shigeko Shibata, Matt Smith, Judie Streeter, Joe Archer, Loren Guffee, Kataii Tapa, Mike Harrell

Matt opened with a devotional from Parker Palmer and prayer

September 2016 minutes reviewed and approved

Announced Bridges District Revival in early February, details being communicated via FaceBook.

Treasurer Report- Vince unable to attend, Carol presented Treasurer report in his absence. A current balance sheet and income/expense report were provided and reviewed. Note was taken that SUMU has still not received 2nd mile giving from the Conference on a quarterly basis as we have previously requested. Matt reported that since our last meeting, the Conference Treasurer has agreed (via email) to distribute these funds, twice a year. YTD \$1700 in 2nd mile giving has been received by SUMU, a significant portion of that appears to be funds directly paid to SUMU rather than via the Conference. All outstanding loans are current.

Finance Report- Carol shared the most current information on the status of North Sacramento UMC. Property is currently listed for sale. Several break-ins have occurred recently. The Tongan congregation renting the facility remains the most consistent and engaged presence on the property, though North Sacramento continues to meet there for worship. The realtor responsible for the property had indicated to Matt on four different occasions he was going to be showing the property to potential buyers, it appears none of those showings took place. Realtor is suggesting the sale of the property could be a 1 to 2 year process, this represents a significantly different timeline than the DS had felt was possible. As of three weeks ago, the sole North Sacramento Trustee had disengaged from conversation with SUMU about trying to move the process forward. SUMU members question how the congregation is going to pay their 2017 property/liability insurance? Carol, Ken, Matt and others will continue to work on this.

Church Development- Joe Archer reported that three applications were received and initially reviewed by he and Neal, and then subsequently by an ad-hoc sub-committee prior to SUMU meeting. Subcommittee recommended denial of all 3 grant requests submitted from Florin UMC to fund a part-time youth pastor, First UMC Sacramento to fund a website redesign, and Davis UMC to fund acoustical improvements to the sanctuary. No objections from SUMU Board to the recommendation to deny these requests. General discussion ensued about how we might communicate more effectively with member churches about SUMU funding parameters to avoid local churches and SUMU expending time and energy on grant requests that are outside the scope of those parameters.

Nominations for 2017 Executive Leadership- Linda Dew-Hiersoux presented the following slate of officers for 2017: President-Mike Harrell, Vice President-Kathy LaPoint-Collup, Secretary-Linda Dew-Hiersoux, Treasurer-Vince Lepore. Nominations were affirmed as presented.

Archives & History- Carol continues to review and organize archival material received from the Conference earlier in the year.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by- Mike Harrell, Secretary