

**Sacramento United Methodist Union
Minutes- November 20, 2014
Riverside United Methodist Church**

In attendance: Matt Smith, Linda Dew-Hiersoux, Cynthia Lawrence, Nancy Cook, Joyce Brinsky, Doris Baxter, Barbara Brady, Bob Kamuf, Alan Pedersen, Tina Ballagh, Joe Archer, Neal Harrell, Mike Harrell, Ron Hoppes, Betty Jo Rose, Carol Edwards, Shigeko Shibata

Matt opened meeting.

Minutes from September meeting reviewed and accepted.

Received report from Riverside UMC about youth ministry program being funded by SUMU grant of \$6,240. SUMU requested a written update from Riverside in the spring. Betty Jo volunteered to submit an item to the Instant Connection on behalf of SUMU to highlight this ministry at Riverside UMC.

District Superintendent Report: (Matt on behalf of DS) Hosting a Resurrection Conversation on January 17th from 10am-2pm at Rancho Cordova. Continues to work on Jubilee Initiative, inviting churches to participate and engage in training.

Finance: Matt led us in review of financial reports in Vince's absence. Will continue to monitor whether we need to reallocate funds in an effort to get higher return on interest.

Church Development Report: Reviewed grants disbursed thus far in 2014. Presented 4 additional grants for consideration for last cycle in 2014.

*Recommended decline grant request from Temple UMC/JFON-BAIT for \$25,000 as they are located outside of SUMU boundary.

*Recommended decline grant request from Hope UMC for \$43,000 as bulk of the request is appropriate for SUMU loan program not grant program and due to lack of information regarding the Jesus and Me youth revitalization program and Nursery School of Faith Program.

*Recommend funding of grant from Davis UMC in amount of \$5,000 to complete their on-going work with an outside consultant.

*Recommend funding of grant to The Table UMC for \$22,700 for launching a new worship service.

Church Development committee recommendations adopted by full board. Hope UMC will be invited to reapply in 2015 with more information related to the youth and nursery programs. Church Development committee will add question in grant applications asking for information regarding congregational process involved in making grant requests. \$4,125 of funds allocated for grants in 2014 will be unspent and will therefore roll-over for grants in 2015, per earlier action by the board.

Officers for 2015:

The following officers for 2015 were affirmed by the board-

President: Matt Smith

Vice President: Kathy La Point-Collup

Secretary: Mike Harrell

Treasurer: Vince Lepore

Church Development Committee Chairpersons: Joe Archer and Neal Harrell

Finance Committee Chair: Open

**Next meeting: Thursday, January 15th @ noon at The Table
UMC (5265 H Street Sacramento, CA 95819)**

Will be in contact with Fair Oaks, Elverta, and Davis congregations about scheduling some 2015 meetings at their locations so that we can receive updates on their various ministries/ programs being supported by SUMU grants.

Meeting closed in prayer.