

Sacramento United Methodist Union

Minutes 7.20.17

Present: Alan Pedersen, Carol Edwards, Betty Jo Rose, Matthew Smith, Linda Dew-Hiersoux, Neal Harrell, Loren Guffey, Gary McAnally, Kathy LaPoint-Collup, Brenda Waters, Carol Conley, Ken Iritani, Cynthia Lawrence,

Absent: Mike Harrell (vacation)

1.) Welcome and Opening Prayer - Matt Smith will chair in Mike's absence

Cards of thanks for Vince LePore's service as SUMU treasurer were signed.

Matt led us in an opening time regarding Cars 3 / Elisha & Elisha

Lighting McQueen cannot keep up with all of the new cards. He has to figure out how to retool. He has to go back and learn from old mentors. Lighting passes the mantle to the young car who learns his moves and puts her own spin on it.

SUMU is like this. How do we extend the mission of the church? How can we play a critical and helpful role in taking the church into the future in a vital and missional way.

2.) Review/Approval of May 2017 meeting minutes

With one correction Minutes of May 2017 were approved.

3.) District News/Updates

We have a new District

4.) Update on North Sacramento UMC property

Church Site-

a.) Status of current offer. Matt shared the details of the offer and counter offer. The property is in the process of "sale."

b.) Status of lease with Tongan congregation. We continue this lease until the new owners take ownership. The Tongan congregation is asking if any of our SUMU congregations would like to host space for them in the future should they lose the NSUMC space.

c.) Chain of Title issues. There have been a number of issues and Carol Edwards reported that finally we are "Active" status with the Secretary of State.

d.) Approximately 90 hymnals have been donated to First UMC Corcoran.

e.) Removal of North Sacramento UMC signage/cross and flame as possible will need to happen soon.

Action: Refer the question of removal of NSUMC signage to DS Schuyler Rhodes and the District Building and Location committee.

Parsonage- THANK YOU BRENDA WATERS! Three cheers.

- a.) Report on work/cost to refresh is attached.
- b.) Parsonage walk through/Parsonage Agreement has been handled by Mike H.
- c.) Future maintenance/repair needs and budget

ACTION: Additional \$3,000 granted to address continuing maintenance issues.

d.) Status of contract with Property Manager - SUMU is now taking this on. Mike H. is leading this role. We are not certain how well we are equipped to manage this.

Matt's recommendation is that we begin to wonder about how we might handle the question of becoming landlords of incoming producing properties to fund our operations and extension are in alignment. Ken Iritani shared similar thoughts. Both Matt and Ken believe it is time to begin this important conversation within SUMU. Should we inquire with other organizations with the UMC? (i.e. Endowment Board/Conference Claimants)

How do we do the best job in coming alongside our SUMU churches who currently own degraded and ignored property?

1.) Significant pest control maintenance- We have had two different specialty tests run for bedbugs both of which have come up negative. There were clearly rodents, cockroaches, and fleas active in the house and on the property. A pest control service has been contracted with and did a broad spectrum spray as well as set traps around the house and in the attic. They re-check a total of 4 times as part of the service. We also had a termite inspection done and it did not indicate the presence of termites but we have requested a secondary inspection due to on-going concerns that Chris has about the presence of termites.

2.) The dishwasher was leaking and a repair technician has inspected it and ordered a new gasket that should take care of the issue.

3.) A fireplace and dryer vent inspection is partially done. The fireplace is considered unsafe to use due to cracking within the chimney box itself. I have communicated this to Chris. The dryer vent inspection could not be completed due to a missing knob on the unit. The knob has been ordered and the inspection will take place once it is replaced.

4.) Handle and locking mechanism for sliding glass door has not been installed due to it being back-ordered.

There are numerous other maintenance issues related to the property that we will need to discuss and decide upon as we go forward. Ultimately, deciding whether we will hold onto

the house, or sell it, after Chris is no longer using it as a residence will largely determine how we respond to many of these other maintenance questions.

5 & 6.) Treasurer Report & Finance Committee Report - Carol Edwards

Carol walked us through Finance Reports as of June 30, 2017. See attached for details.

a) Development of general financial summary sheet for new members. This is not yet complete.

b.) Bequest from Baxter Estate - we have received the check for \$202,475.52. It is currently in Church Development.

c.) Request for reimbursement from Tongan congregation. The congregation has requested reimbursement for multiple expenses on the NSUMC building. SUMU gave permission for a very few of these expenses. Mike has requested receipts. One received is for \$52.43.

ACTION: We will reimburse Tongan Congregation for the authorized \$52.43.

Betty Jo Rose and Carol Edwards will follow up with letter: Remove Gate, Remove Late, Clarifications of expenses going forward.

Matt encouraged SUMU churches to consider who they need to invite into SUMU with skills in finance(see Carol Edwards, ministry assessment(see Neal Harrel), property management.

7.) Church Development Grant Recommendations (Neal Harrell)

a.) Woodland UMC. In this grant we do not see how this addresses ministries for new people. The committee will ask a few questions expressing where Woodland UMC might turn to look for funds. The committee does not recommend affirmation at this time.

SUMU affirmed their recommendation with one abstaining vote from Woodland UMC (Carol Conley)

Loren asked questions regarding "Askings" and alignment of mission.

b.) Elk Grove UMC. In this grant we are fundamentally supportive of this grant proposal. It is in alignment with making new places for new people. We would like additional information on the publicity amount of \$9,000.

There is wisdom on the type of publicity. What is the detailed plan for publicity?

How will you track where attendees come from so that growth is measurable?

What number would be considered success?

What does the vacation and retreat supply amount consist of?

We unanimously recommend that Neal and his folks follow up with Kathy and EGUMC on fleshing out the numbers giving them the total parameter of spending.

Kathy LaPoint-Collup abstained.

October 1, 2017 is our next grant deadline.

9.) SUMU Recruitment

a.) Treasurer - vacant

Question: Are we at a place when it is time for a paid bookkeeper and a volunteer Treasurer?

b.) Congregational Representatives - we need additional persons of skill.

9.) Archives and History (Carol Conley) no report

2017 Meeting Schedule: (All Meetings from noon-1pm)

- September 21, 2017 (The Table at Central UMC, 5265 H Street Sacramento)
- November 16, 2017 (Location TBD)

Submitted by Linda Dew-Hiersoux