

Sacramento United Methodist Union
Minutes - March 16, 2017
The Table United Methodist Church

Present: Kathy LaPoint-Collup, Brenda Waters, Alan Pedersen, Ron West, Carol Edwards, Betty Jo Rose, Robert Kamuf, Shigeko Shibata, Mike Harrell, Judie Streeter, Matthew Smith, Linda Dew-Hiersoux, John Hadley, Gail Chiew, Ken Iritani, Neal Harrell, Loren Guffey

1. Welcome and opening prayer by Mike Harrell.
2. Review/Approval of January 2017 meeting minutes with the following correction: WesPath (correct spelling)
3. District News/Updates
Mike Harrell has received news from the Great Northern District that there will be an emphasis on the upcoming SPRC training sessions. No news from Bridges District.
4. Update on North Sacramento UMC property

SUMU is moving into a new phase as we become the property caretakers of North Sacramento. The Executive Committee has watched over important management details since our last meeting as instructed. Mike lifted up for the full SUMU board on behalf of the Executive committee the following points:

a) Parsonage property was inspected with property manager. Parsonage is in good condition. Lease is a month to month lease. This gives SUMU flexibility. Rental income now comes to SUMU through property manager.

b) Maintained contract with DCG to sell currently listed church property. Matt Smith & Mike Harrell met with DCG (along with Corey Parish from The Endowment Board) with concerns, questions. They also expressed dissatisfaction with the level of service. Schuyler had indicated that he intended to cancel their contract but has walked that back and left the future of our relationship with DCG up to SUMU. At the time there was an offer on the table for North Sac UMC which is still pending. The communication has been better between SUMU and DCG. DCG has a lack of awareness of the real estate market in Sacramento. Schuyler has been informed that we would prefer a realtor in the future who is local.

c) One offer still being negotiated with a Sacramento area church. The potential buyer has asked for an appraisal.

d) We are currently seeking an appraisal of the church property.

e) Lease Agreement with Tongan congregation requiring insurance is under review.

f) DCG working to clean up chain of title issues and claims on the church property.

g) DCG conducted preliminary title report on parsonage property as a courtesy.

This revealed liens that we are aware of and we are in the process of clearing those liens.

h) Alan Pedersen serving as liaison for alarm company and security patrol.

i) Status of bank accounts and expenses thus far is under review by Carol Edwards.

j) Agreement between SUMU, District Superintendent, District Building and Location is that SUMU will recoup assets at time of sale. This detail is written in the original charge

conference minutes of North Sacramento UMC's discontinuance. We will request that Vince draw up a written agreement to this effect following April 15, 2017..

5. Treasurer Report

January report shows that the income was received from the askings. It is not a large figure but some folks are not doing their extra 1% for asking (12.5% of that 1% comes to SUMU). Taxes have been paid for North Sacramento Parsonage.

Total assets January 2017 \$627,916.92

February reports shows payment of operating expenses old and current have been paid.

Total assets February \$636,726.55

A question was raised regarding whether the renters of the parsonage hold renter's insurance. Mike Harrell with inquire.

6. Finance Committee Report (Carol Edwards)

Development of general financial summary sheet for new members is in the works.

Concern was raised as to how we might best orient new folks. Carol will continue to pursue this in the future and share with SUMU when she has a draft.

7. Church Development Report (Neal Harrell) No report. First round of grants are due June 1, 2017.

8. Archives and History (Carol Conley) No report

9. Report on Conference Extension Societies meeting (Matt Smith)

Matt attended a Conference wide gathering of Church Extension Societies. (There are 12 Church Extension Societies in our Annual Conference.) Articles of incorporation and bylaws were shared and it was noted that one Extension Society has no standing bylaws.

The cabinet pushed through a cooperative loan project. A loan was made to a local church for \$250,000 that is made up of money from different extension societies. SUMU said no previously. There has only been one loan application. Matt noted that there seems to be an overarching desire on the part of the cabinet to see how the extension societies might cooperate.

Ken Iritani asked Matt: Do other Extension Societies see a move toward property management like SUMU? Matt responded that Central Valley and Eureka up north seem well organized for this work. 8 other Extension Societies track their own money but do not make grants etc. Finally Matt shared that Conference leadership is suggesting that the work of the Building and Location Committee be folded into the work of Extension Societies.

10. Potential SUMU meeting in April

a.) Path 1 partnership between SUMU, Cabinet, and New/Vital Congregations committee may develop. Work is in process for this and SUMU may need to meet to hear a funding request.

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

- March 16, 2017 (The Table at Central UMC, 5265 H Street Sacramento)
- April 2017 (Tentative)
- May 18, 2017 (The Table at Central UMC, 5265 H Street Sacramento)
- July 20, 2017 (The Table at Central UMC, 5265 H Street Sacramento)
- September 21, 2017 (The Table at Central UMC, 5265 H Street Sacramento)
- November 16, 2017 (Location TBD)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda Dew-Hiersoux, secretary.