

Sacramento United Methodist Union

Minutes - November 16, 2017

Present: Mike Harrell, Alan Pedersen, Carol Edwards, Betty Jo Rose, Linda Dew-Hiersoux, Loren Guffey, Brenda Waters, Carol Conley, Ken Iritani, Cynthia Lawrence, Chris Logan, John Handley, Neal Harrell, Shigeko Shibata, Bob Kamuf, Tikiko Lesuma, Gary McAnally, Vince Lepore, Rod Brayfindley, Matthew Smith

- 1.) Welcome and Opening Prayer
- 2.) Review/Approval of September 2017 meeting minutes
- 3.) District News/Updates

Par 213 process underway at Walnut Avenue UMC

Oak Park UMC is moving toward discontinuance as recommended by the Par 213 process.

4.) Treasurer Report (Carol Edwards)

a.) Review of current Financial Reports (attached) Emmanuel UMC has paid their loan in full. Path One Grant \$36,763.41

b.) Proposal from Executive Committee to contract with Bookkeeper (see attached) Mike H. presented the proposal. The question driving our process is: What is the threshold of our work as a corporation that warrants a professional bookkeeper? This position intends that the bookkeeper is functioning and doing the work. A volunteer treasurer from SUMU will supervise the bookkeeper. Vince suggested an outside bookkeeping service or contract employee. Kent Dillon does UMC financial audits and was suggested as a resource by Ken Iritani.

M/S/P by Betty Jo Rose “Move forward with the position of a paid Bookkeeper who is an Independent contractor.”

SUMU empowered the Executive Committee to develop a complete JD for Bookkeeper. It is the intention of the Executive Committee to have a person in place by January 2018. Vince Lepore will assist and advise if needed.

5.) Finance Committee Report (Carol Edwards)

a.) Development of financial summary sheet for new members (DRAFT attached) Carol presented her DRAFT and welcomes input.

6.) Church Development Committee (Neal Harrell)

Neal H. shared the process of reviewing grant requests. The committee will meet ahead of SUMU, comment and review grant applications and then respond/give feedback to those seeking grants so that they may adjust their requests to be inline with requirements.

a.) Hope UMC - \$31,337 requested. Within this request it seems that there are 3 requests.

Clarification was needed as to whether is looking to starting a new service?

Tikiko said no - it is for adding music to current Sunday morning worship.

The youth is only for the 1st and last Friday of each month. They would only meet 2 times a month for worship.

Request was for training for musicians and for Instruments. Also that we would buy instruments for Hope?

Request for Live Nativity Scene: Decline.

MSP with one abstention to suspend the rest of the grant request and table the rest for further clarification.

b.) South Sacramento UMC Coalition/Bob Gilberg - \$10,000 requested. Neal shared that he contacted each of the SSUMC Coalition churches. Japanese said "Do not list us as part of this coalition." Wesley UMC donated \$500 for the choir. DS Schuyler gave them \$2,000. There was no accountability included.

Pastors across the board were not invested in ways that Neal could document.

We did not find discipling process within the grant. Rod Brayfindley shared that

the South Sac Coalition asked First UMC for a director and accompanist/bass

player. Also, they asked First UMC to be the accountant so that the musicians

could be paid. First UMC said that they would receive the income from

SSCoalition and distributed to the 2 employees. They have only paid the

accompanist/bass player.

Gary McAnally reminded us that "the coalition" says they are actually not involved.

Recommendation of the Church Development is to decline this ground.

MSP SUMU declined the grant request from South Sac Coalition with one opposed and one abstention.

7.) Update on North Sacramento UMC property

Church Site- (Mike Harrell)

a.) General Status Report. Not much activity with the property with potential buyers. No longer have a buyer on the horizon. Executive Committee met with DSG to review the status on the property. DS Schuyler requested that Jamil run the numbers for possible redevelopment options for commercial development. Jamil will be in contact with 2 potential buyers.

b.) Proposal from Executive Committee to lower list price January 1, 2018.

Current list price is \$1,200,000. Recommendation of Jamil is to drop list price to \$850,000 or \$800,000.

MSP unanimously to Recommend to Building and Location Committee that the list price for NSUMC be \$950,000 but have permission to accept \$800,000 and above.

Parsonage- no report

8.) Association of Church Extension Societies Update (Mike Harrell) Matt and Mike attended. Mike shared details about the gathering. Bishop Minerva shared some input that is non-specific and on going. Next meeting January 2018.

9.) 2018 Leadership/Meeting Schedule

a.) Recommendation from Executive Committee to postpone nomination of new leaders until January meeting. SUMU board unanimously agreed.

b.) Compilation of 2018 SUMU representative list

10.) Archives and History (Carol Conley) If any church of SUMU is having a significant anniversary please let her know.

Our next meeting January 11 Followup on Grant conversation from Hope UMC and to visit our organization structure for leadership decisions