

Sacramento United Methodist Union
Minutes - May 18, 2017
The Table United Methodist Church

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

1. Welcome and opening prayer by Mike Harrell.
2. Review/Approval of March 2017 meeting minutes with the following correction:
 Add Cynthia

3. District News/Updates
Camping season is upon us. Check Conference website for information.

There are Annual Conference orientations coming up. At Annual Conference we are going to be asked to vote on increasing from 4 to 5 districts. More information is supposed to be shared during the orientation sessions.

4. Update on North Sacramento UMC property
Church Site

- a) We have incurred several expenses in last two months (locksmith to change locks, HVAC troubleshooting, breaching safe we did not know existed - deeds etc. were located.)
- b) Deeds/Title are now in our possession and today Mike will pass these documents to Carol E. and Carol C. to examine.
- c) Checking account status is now current.
- d) Tongan congregation now has formal lease/insurance requirements secured.
- e) Status of Appraisal - this has been dropped by the asking group.
- f) Current offer on NSUMC property has been returned with counter offer of \$900K. DCG recommends and Executive Committee and our DS concur that we move forward with accepting this offer.

District Building and Location Committee must approve this asking price as well.

Mike will talk to DCG about clarifying the “as is” property status of NSUMC.

Unanimously Approved: Recommendation of the Executive Committee to Accept the offer of \$900K with good faith deposit as stipulated in offer and “as is” condition of contents.

g) Chain of Title issues -we continue to do this work and get closer to clearing up all issues.

h) Parsonage

Initiated eviction of tenant

Tenant was late with rent payment in February. Rent check for March was returned.

Matt Smith and Mike Harrell met with property management to initiate eviction process. Tenant was informed that if he can leave soon we will stop the eviction process so that it is not on his record and we will forgive back rent owed. He is currently scheduled to be out of the parsonage by 5.20.17.

Appliances in parsonage are: stove, oven, dishwasher. It was built in 1961. Remodeled by NSUMC 2010.

Once tenant is gone we will need a group to do a walk through of the empty property with Property Manager

5. Treasurer Report

Vince LePore has stepped down due to health issues.

We have a vacancy for now.

Mike encouraged everyone to consider someone from their own church that they believe could be approached to become our new treasurer. The new treasurer must be current and proficient in QuickBooks etc.

Matt asked whether it is time for SUMU to consider hiring a bookkeeper which would be a paid position in addition to a treasurer.

6. Finance Committee Report (Carol Edwards)

Carol walked us through Treasurer's report.

She recommends that we transfer money from Wespath for future bills for property taxes and property security firm.

Secretary of State form for SUMU must be revised and brought current.
NSUMC must also be revised and brought current.

SUMU agreed that:

Carol Edwards be named CFO (Since Vince has stepped down) so that Secretary of State forms may be completed and submitted.

New signatures for Wespath will be: Linda Dew-Hiersoux Remove: Matt Smith, Vince LePore

All future financial mail will come to Carol Edward's personal address to make it efficient and convenient for her work on behalf of SUMU.

7 Proposal from Cabinet- Path One Resident

(See attached)

\$37,563 is requested, borrowed against the future sale of NSUMC.

Resident will become the resident in the NSUMC parsonage.

Is this our mission?

Are we banking on money that we do not have?

Mike reminded us that all of our extension societies are moving in this direction.

There are many tracks moving forward and shifting right now in our Annual Conference and district.

We are also committing money up front before we have sold.

Concerns for turning long term assets into short term assets is of concern.

Is it for current evangelism or for the future? No other organization has competence like SUMU according to Ken Iritani. There are 23 churches in the Sacramento area - how do we turn this asset into new church starts in

this area? Ken encourages us to have the conversation about our future and funding.

One of the reasons we have 23 buildings of non performing communities that don't perform.....

Neal reminded us that \$15,000 also would be considered an investment from SUMU - as providers of the parsonage.

When will the Path One residency end? 2017/2018

If parsonage is not ready Resident will live with Schuyler, Betty Jo Rose or Kathy LP-C

M/S/P Proposal from Cabinet to make parsonage available, to transfer funds of future sale of NSUMC and \$5,000

M/S/P \$60,000 moved from Wespeth and approve \$5,000 for Brenda Waters to manage the parsonage transition.

8 Church Development Report (Neal Harrell)

Neal would like a lay person who would like to work on these grant requests with him. Betty Jo Rose will work with Neal.

- a.) Grant applications due June 1, 2017, October 1, 2017
- b.) Review team: Neal and Betty Jo.

9 Archives and History (Carol Conley)

a.) North Sacramento - 6 folks met and worked hard and came away with 25+ cases of documents.

Mike will be away in July. Kathy will chair.

Action: Linda will get a card for Vince.

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

- 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.