

Sacramento United Methodist Union

Minutes 9.21.17

Present: Mike Harrell, Alan Pedersen, Carol Edwards, Betty Jo Rose, Linda Dew-Hiersoux, Loren Guffey, Kathy LaPoint-Collup, Brenda Waters, Cynthia Lawrence, Chris Logan, John Hadley, Terry Haug, Rod Brayfindley, Shigeko Shibata, Bob Kamuf

Excused Absence: Matt Smith, Tikiko, Neil Harrell,

- 1.) Welcome and Opening Prayer by Mike Harrell
 - 2.) July 2017 meeting minutes accepted and approved with corrections.
 - 3.) District News/Updates
 - Great Northern District Workshop October 7 at Loomis UMC
 - Los Rios District Workshop on October 9 at Conference Office
 - 4.) Treasurer Report (Carol Edwards)
 - Attached Finance Report submitted by Carol Edwards
 - Discussion regarding the mounting work load and hours required for financial record keeping.
- Rod Brayfindley Motion:
- M/S/P with one abstention: The Executive Committee will create a job description for a SUMU bookkeeper/business manager along with picture of future financial ramifications and bring this proposal to our next meeting.
- 5.) Finance Committee Report (Carol Edwards)
 - a.) Development of financial summary sheet for new members - carry this business until next meeting.
 - b.) Follow up on Tongan Congregation reimbursement requests
 - Mike contacted Tongan Congregation and sent check to the 2 reimbursements SUMU agreed to 7..20.17 meeting (see those minutes)
 - 6.) Church Development Committee (Neal Harrell)
 - a.) Follow up on Elk Grove UMC grant request. Follow up has occurred and funds have been approved for disbursal.
 - b.) Next grant cycle: November 1, 2017 deadline.
 - 7.) Update on North Sacramento UMC property

Church Site- (Mike Harrell)

a.) Status of current offer. Buyer has new real estate agent - DSG. (Same as SUMU - different agent in same company). The process seems to be taking a long time. The letter from lender that would pre-qualify buyer was due 2 days ago. No word yet.

b.) Status of lease with Tongan congregation. August rent was paid. We have not received September yet. Mike H. has informed them that they are on a month by month basis depending on the sale of NSUMC.

c.) Annual Fire Inspection complete, no violations. Mike conducted the fire inspection and updated the fire department on the status of the property. Fire extinguishers were serviced. Alan P. took care of this. Bill has not been received for this yet.

d.) Follow up regarding fencing and gates. Mike has checked in with the Tongan congregation and received no response from his notifying them of their responsibility to mitigate the gate/fence they installed.

e.) Removal of North Sacramento UMC signage/cross and flame. There is no district building and location committee to refer this to in Los Rios District yet. We will leave this alone for now.

Parsonage-

a.) Status report on maintenance issues. Issues with dry rot / fungus on exterior of parsonage. \$1335 bid received and work will happen 9/21/2017. Door knob/handle was fixed. balance left is \$890.67.

New issue: Hot water handle on sink in master bath is now broken. Brenda Waters will follow up.

Chris Logan expressed gratitude for the work and the parsonage.

8.) SUMU Recruitment (Mike Harrell)

a.) Congregational Representatives. Mike encouraged members to consider their own service. Have conversations with your pastor/nominating committee before your local church charge conference.

9.) Archives and History (Carol Conley) Mike H. shared Rio Linda is celebrating a milestone anniversary on Sunday Oct 8, 2017.

EGUMC consecrating new building on Saturday 2pm September 23, 2017

10.) Association of Church Extension Societies report (Mike Harrell) Matt Smith attended a meeting of this group in May or June. Mike inquired about how those meetings were going. In

advance of the next meeting maybe the extension society reps. should informally get together prior to the next large group meeting. (This meeting was canceled). "Assoc. of Church Extension Societies" met and came up with broad places where collaboration could be useful and possible. It needs to also retain regional autonomy and be efficient!

Places of agreement:

processes for loans

process for grants

strategy questions and basic goals that could be consistent among all societies

assessments of success that includes consistent benchmarks among all societies

This group is willing to meet more during this appointment year. Mike reported this to the cabinet and has received no reply yet. Next meeting is in early November 2017.

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

- November 16, 2017 The Table

Submitted, Linda Dew-Hiersoux