Minutes of Meeting

Prince of Peace Foundation

Thursday, February 15, 2018

**Present:** Scott Becker, chair; Paul Gilje, Nate Lindemann, Tom Schlick, and Jane Victorey

**1.** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Scott.

**2. Approval of minutes**--Minutes of the November 2 meeting were approved.

**3. Financial reports from Aaron Griga and Jane Victorey**--

**Aaron reported**--For the quarter ending 12/31/17, Foundation A slightly underperformed its benchmark, the Morningstar Moderate Allocation, returning 3.66% vs. 3.74%.  For the year, we also slightly underperformed 14.12% vs. 14.66 %.

On January 11th, we sold $50,000 DSI (broad domestic equity ETF) into Fidelity Government Money Market.  This was the second rebalance necessary (1st being August 2017) to bring our allocation back in line to 70/30.

Kurt Galenti from Thrivent would like us to reduce our domestic bias by exchanging some US equity for international equity, and will send some suitable funds our way.

**Jane reported**—Year to date foundation gifts total $41,829. We’ve received $24,011 in dividends and interest and $141,741 in unrealized earnings on Foundation A and B assets since July 1. Gifts to the Foundation remain in perpetuity, and we began the fiscal year with $226,528 in earnings in excess of the original endowment gifts of $1,647,240.

**4. Remaining grant capacity--**Jane reported that remaining grant capacity for the 2017-2018 fiscal year is $13,297.

**5. Campus Faith Clubs thank you--**Scott reported on a nice thank you note we have received from Campus Faith Clubs for our gift. Mark Meier said the Campus Faith Clubs focus for 2018 will be to recruit "workers for the harvest" to build new bridges into the public schools.

**6. Intercultural Diversity Initiative**--It was moved, seconded, and carried that, on request of Pastor Jeff Marian, we grant up to $5,000 to Prince of Peace adult ministry for Intercultural Diversity Initiative, a pilot program to enable leadership and disciples at Prince of Peace to develop skills in intercultural relationships. The program is expected to launch in September or October.

**7. Support for Prince of Peace new construction program**--While the foundation measures its gift-giving capacity year-to-year, we discussed that technically we could, if circumstances warranted, make a change in the Foundation Investment Policy Statement that would enable a gift of up to $200,000. We noted the congregation has been struggling to see if we can build out the first phase of the construction program as planned, to save some $300,000 in the long run. The question is whether such a gift would be consistent with goals of the foundation. No action was taken. If such a gift were to be contemplated, a proposal would probably come from the Prince of Peace Board of Directors.

**8. Creating more awareness of the Foundation--**We returned to a topic of discussion from previous meetings that more people need to know that the Foundation exists to accept long-term legacy gifts that many people make in their wills and estate plans. Such giving is separate from, and unrelated to, annual gifts for the operating budget and three-year gifts for special capital appeals.

**9. Next meeting**--We agreed that our next meeting will be Thursday, May 3.

Paul Gilje

Secretary