

# Report to Church Council 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church of Santa Rosa, CA

## March 11, 2017

**Name of Commission/Committee/Group:** Board of Trustees

### **Current Members & Staff**

John De Groot (Chair), Darrell Jurling (Vice Chair), Nate Barker (Secretary), Norm Hardin (Treasurer), Uate Baleilevuka, Thomas Barnett, Charlie Fields, Larry Schmidt and Bob Young. Mary Brunet is Staff Liaison.

### **Meetings**

Held every last Monday of the month in the Montgomery campus library at 7pm.

### **Purpose** (Relates to SHIFT areas 3 - Membership to Discipleship and 4 - Serve Us to Service)

Effective trustees will function as Christian stewards of the property and equipment God has entrusted to the congregation. This includes supervising and maintaining both physical properties and gifts made to the congregation so that our ministries are effective, while all legal requirements are satisfied. [source: *The Book of Discipline*]

### **How does the purpose help fulfill the mission of FUMC?**

The trustees are spiritually and prayerfully attentive to God's will and direction as it pertains to FUMC's properties, equipment and resources. Trustees are committed to supporting and enabling the ministries, mission, and vision of the church (i.e., our Oneness in Christ Statement). Trustees work closely and in partnership with the Staff Liaison to the Trustees (Mary Brunet) to schedule, coordinate, and effectively complete all projects and work.

### **What are your activities, programs, and accomplishments for the last year?**

#### **Montgomery Campus**

- Sanctuary furnace replacement with new air conditioning (project started and ended on-time and in budget).
- Tree trimming, removal, and replanting at Montgomery campus (project was delayed but ended within budget).
- Various lighting and door repairs (for improved safety/security)
- Solar energy upgrades
- Purchase of new dishwasher and repair/maintenance of refrigerator and freezer at Montgomery campus

#### **Stony Point Campus**

- Giffen Road widening project. It is nearing completion.
- Septic tank removal, still in process
- Supported FUMC's Homeless Ministries Task Force (HMTF) by approving use of Stony Point warehouse and grounds to build & temporarily store ten temporary shelters. Work done by AmeriCorps (as part of Napa County Office of Education Community Programs) in conjunction with Homeless Action! See P.D. [November 26, 2016 news article](#).

### **What are your goals, plans, and potential problems for the next year?**

- Prioritizing/documenting necessary maintenance/repairs and improvements for both campuses
- More transparent communication of needs and actions taken (via Roseleaf & Church web site)
- Improved reporting and communications regarding designated & undesignated gifts
- Providing long-term maintenance/repair suggestions and details for future trustees. [Current budget is inadequate to keep property and equipment in shape. Hence the need for continued re-asks and fund raising.](#)

### **What goals or benchmarks have you set to measure success/effectiveness?**

- To effectively support our ministries, committees, groups, individual members and guests with safe, secure and clean facilities
- Responding and acting expeditiously when issues do arise (within 24 hours)

Respectfully submitted by Thomas Barnett and John De Groot