

Meeting opened in prayer by Daniel So at 12:10pm

Members Present: Russell Allen, Mike McClenahan, Megan Cochran, Chris Kohlbry, Eileen VanGieson, Daniel So

Kim Dawsey Richardson and Carlos Correa were welcomed as guests and asked to share about the mission of C7. Carlos talked about the folks they are seeking: Spanish speaking, not currently attending church. The goals are community, long term relationships that are interconnected with other networks of churches, mission should be mutual, holistic: ministry and services that can reach out to folks through services including food, health, and psychological. Intellectual development and for folks to know their rights. Engaging larger issues as Jesus would. Kim feels the ministry has been organic and missional as they have grappled with the neighborhood in which the church serves. The bigger vision is to have a church that reflects the diversity of the community.

Needs communicated from Kim and Carlos: Patience is going to be needed theologically and socially from the committee and larger Presbytery. Honest conversations about financial concerns.

Borderland Presbytery Conversation. We know how much place matters. As a Presbytery a discussion about expanding cultural, social economic and diversity. There maybe a “giving up of preference”. Can we own the border as a partner of the border. “A theology of the border.” Voice and Witness is going to be important.

Update from Daniel: Talked about the Spanish Speaking 1001 Training at Faith Presbyterian in March.

There is a group of 25 Spanish Speaking CRE group starting next month. Juan Daniel and Daniel are collaborating. Our committee will see what is being adapted and need have some input so this group of CREs will not get stuck in process.

Chartering Process for Starters/NWCs. In future meetings we will need to approve these documents for the MOO.

“Simplicity” and “Clarity” needs to be prioritized in our work with Presbytery. We need more specifications on what our long term role will look like.

Documents to be sent to committee:

- Symphony Seed Grant
- Real estate task force email
- Chartering Process

Russell shared that an Spanish Speaking NWC had its inaugural meeting last Sunday at Graham Memorial led by Raul.

Mike M. closed the meeting in prayer at 2:01pm