

IUCC MINISTRIES BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2013

Officers of the Church present:

- Chair of Ministries Board, Pat Sauter
- Moderator, Anne Rosse
- Chair of Administrative Board, Martha Selby

Ministry and Committee Chairs present:

- Chair of Mission & Service, Felicity Figueroa
- Chair of Worship, Jennifer Mirmak
- New Chair of Fellowship, Alyssa Cornett
- Chair of Stephen Ministry, Dave Schofield
- Chair of Music, Meredith Anderson for Larry Gates
- Co-Chair of Congregational Care, Howard Emery
- Newsletter Editor, Tricia Aynes

Staff present:

- Rev. Paul Tellström, Senior Pastor
- Michael Spindle, Administrator
- Sarah Fiske-Phillips, Ministry for Youth People Director
- Matt Redman, Pastoral Intern

Absent:

- Carol Ballesty; Paul Shirey, Dawn Price, Renae Boyum, Brian Percy, Janet Emery, Dave Smith, Randy Romine and Teri Olson

Pat Sauter called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.; Matthew Redman gave the opening prayer. The Minutes from the September 2013 meeting were accepted as written.

I. Calendar

Michael passed out the calendars and event dates were updated.

- Oct. 20 Youth Sunday
- Oct. 27 Crop Walk
- Oct. 31 Michael is returning from his vacation.
- Nov. 4 Ministries Board Meeting.
- Nov. 6 Interfaith meeting with the Synagogue in our sanctuary. 6:30-
potluck dinner, 7:30 speaker.
- Nov. 10 Stewardship Sunday
- Nov. 10 Workday after second service.
- Nov. 24 Special Congregation Meeting to review our building plan.

- Nov. 30 Decorate Sanctuary
- Dec. 1 Advent Workshop (perhaps earlier in the day than usual)
- Dec. 8 Write-A-Thon (tentative)
- Dec. 15 Third World Craft Faire
- Dec. 8/15 /22 Practice for children's choir.
- Dec. 24 No Bread for the Journey on Christmas Eve
- Dec. 31 No Bread for the Journey on New Year's Eve

II. Pastor's Report

Pastor Paul distributed his written report, which included the following highlights:

- A new candidate for Sunday School Coordinator has been interviewed and the candidate is taking it under consideration and weighing our job against another.
- Our Adult Ed position is still open and it may need to be re-tooled to fit a specific person.
- Matt Redman began his internship with IUCC on Sept. 30 and will continue for the school year - he will be tracking the duties of associate pastor.
- Rev. Paul will be in Claremont on Nov. 8 & 9 for the Pilgrim Place Festival, which is run by UCC clergy; he reported that this is a fun event and they need volunteers to help.
- He also reported that "Nuns of the Bus" went very well and the event essentially broke even.
- Walter Trout is having health issues.

III. Moderator's Report, Anne Rosse

100% of leadership has returned their pledge cards. Dec. 1st is the deadline for the congregation. Our pledge goal is \$431,000; while this is an increase, Anne believes that it is realistic if we are to achieve our goals.

Special Congregation Meeting: On Sunday, Nov. 24, we will hold a forum so that the congregation can review our building plan, as presented by our building task force. This is an important decision, and all of the leadership is being asked to attend. Anne has requested our continued support and prayers. Anne stated that "this is decision time, either we are all in or we walk away."

IV. Building Task Force, Martha Selby

Martha Selby has done an excellent job of understanding what we need and what the City of Irvine will require of us. We have received proposals from three architectural firms, one of them is the same firm who did the Irvine Presbyterian remodel.

Dave Schofield stated that there doesn't seem to be a lot of excitement about the

building plan from the congregation, possibly due to not having a visual of the plan. Hopefully, the Nov. 24th forum will address this. Anne reminded us that it is the job of the architects to provide the drawings for the proposed building. Anne also reported that it will take \$100,000 to provide schematics and the congregation has approved \$50,000 toward this goal.

VI. New Business

The joint service with University Synagogue will be Wed. night in our sanctuary and childcare will be provided. Potluck dinner will be at 6:30 and the speaker at 7:30.

Howard Emery also reminded us that the church has people who are happy to provide transportation, if needed. When we have a sign up sheet, there should also be a column to check if transportation is needed.

Felicity reminded us that hotel toiletries will be needed for distribution at Christmas.

Tricia would appreciate donations of paperbacks, especially in Spanish for detainees.

Brian Pearcy is stepping down from Chair of Fellowship; Alyssa Corbett has agreed to step up.

Jennifer Mirmak and Michael discussed the new needs for Worship Closet, as Jennifer and her committee will be reorganizing it.

Additions to Reports:

Pat reported that last month they gave away 11 shawls. They have decided that the shawls will only go to congregants, as we cannot accommodate everyone.

Our youth are doing two shawls and plan to have them blessed by our congregation.

Felicity reported that Saturdays are low attendance days for events and suggested that we avoid those days. The ministry faire was not well attended. It was suggested that in the future, coffee hour could be moved to Plumer Hall to attract more attention.

Pastor Paul gave the closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. The next meeting will be on Nov. 4, 2013, as Nov. 11 is a holiday for our staff.

Respectfully Submitted,

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