

IUCC MINISTRIES BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 2015

Officers of the Church present:

- Chair of the Ministries Board, Dawn Price
- Moderator, Anne Rosse
- Ministries Board Clerk, Elizabeth Rodriguez

Ministry and Committee Chairs present:

- Chair of Mission & Service, Felicity Figueroa
- Chair of Stephen Ministry, Dave Schofield
- Chair of Fellowship, Alyssa Cornett
- Chair of Adult Education, Jim Aynes
- Chair of Hospitality, Pat Sauter
- Chair of Music, Larry Gates
- Co-Chair of New Member Development, Renae Boyum
- Chair of Outreach, Chris Redrich
- Co-Chair of Young People's Ministry, Meredith Anderson
- Co-Chair of Congregational Care, Janet Emery

Staff present:

- Paul Tellström, Senior Pastor
- Michael Spindle, Church Administrator
- Matthew Redrich, Interim Adult Education and Media Director

Visitors present: Tommie Kozlov, Bill Lawrence

Call to Order

Dawn Price called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Larry Gates led the opening prayer/meditation. Ann Rosse agreed to provide opening prayer/meditation at the April meeting.

Minutes

Minutes from the February 9, 2014 meeting were approved after adding information to the moderator's report at Anne Rosse's request (moved by Anne Rosse, seconded by Larry Gates – motion passed unanimously).

I. Calendar – Changes and highlights

- 3/11 Learn How to Play the Game of Go 7pm
- 3/17 Caitlin Patler (Adult Ed) 7PM
- 3/22 Synagogue's Trial Event "People vs. Mordechai"
- 3/27-28 Jesus Seminar
- 3/29 Communion Sunday instead of 4/5 due to Easter
- 4/19 Grief and Loss Seminar Initial Session
- 4/26 Comma Group Luncheon 12:15 Plumer Hall
- 5/1-3 Women's Retreat
- Stephen Ministry Training Starts in June

Members of the board shared changes in the calendar. Michael took note and will update the calendar.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Paul distributed his written report. Included in that report was information about Sarah Fiske-Philips wishing to become a "Member in Discernment (MID)" with the Southern Association of our Conference. This requires a vote from the Ministry Board. Because Sarah is not currently a member of IUCC, she and Pastor Paul are investigating with the Conference whether her status as an employee is sufficient or whether she needs to become a member of IUCC in order to hold the MID designation. If she is required to be an IUCC member, she plans to join on Easter Sunday along with the current new member class. Her current home church is open to her holding dual memberships.

Dave Schofield moved that IUCC's Ministry Board accept and support Sarah in becoming a Member in Discernment pending resolution of the membership issue and acknowledging her willingness to become a member if needed. Felicity second the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Moderator's Report

Anne Rosse reviewed her report and highlighted the following items:

We are beginning to look ahead to the start of our next leadership year on July 1.

The Bylaws and Policies/Procedures Task Force continues to do good work to help fulfill our commitment to excellence in church governance.

Regarding the progress of our Master Plan, last week we received a final set of comments from the City of Irvine with some minor changes. So, we are very close in terms of the Master Plan itself. We also resubmitted the proposed scope of work for the required traffic study. We are waiting for the City to approve the revision so that our traffic engineers can undertake the study itself. Once they begin, we expect it will take approximately three weeks to complete the study and the report.

Staff Reports

Matthew Redrich

Matthew reported that the Jesus Seminar is doing well in registrations, about 60% of the needed numbers. We have some volunteers. If more needed, an email will be sent.

Old Business

Jesus Seminar Needs- There will be a meeting with of the Adult Education Ministry to identify any other needs.

All Church Bon Vivant- Meeting will occur March 9 directly after Ministries Meeting

Coffee Hour- No decisions have been made. The initial concern about noise during the second Adult Education is being handled without issues. The majority of those surveyed during an experimental week felt that more simplified food offerings were adequate.

“Get Involved Forms”

Dawn reported that all offers of help indicated on the forms were forwarded to the appropriate ministry or committee chair.

It was discussed that a drop box for forms would be helpful. Dawn will explore options and report back.

New Business

Grief and Loss Seminar facilitated by Marilyn Smith – Dave Schofield reported that an initial session in Plumer Hall on April 19th immediately after second service, with follow up sessions focused on specifics, is planned. Some sessions will be located at church and other meetings at Marilyn’s home. There are some conflicts with Marilyn’s proposed follow-up dates and Dave will be communicating with her to reschedule. Dave asked Ministry Board members to assist in providing a simple salad lunch on April 19. Details will be discussed at the next Ministry Meeting.

Larry Gates brought up a concern about the beginning of the service prelude. Laughter at children serving as acolytes as the candles are being lit during this moment disrupts the piano prelude. Ideas were discussed on how to address the issue. These included having the candles lit before the prelude and lighting the candles after the prelude during the gathering song. These ideas will be discussed with John and David and may be piloted in the future.

Adjournment

The next Ministries Board meeting will be April 13, 2015. Elizabeth Rodriguez said she will be out of town and will not be able to attend. Dave Schofield volunteered to take the minutes next meeting.

Pastor Paul gave the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Rodriguez,
Ministries Clerk