

## IUCC MINISTRIES BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2014

### Officers of the Church present:

- Chair of the Ministries Board, Pat Sauter
- Moderator, Anne Rosse

### Ministry and Committee Chairs present:

- Chair of Mission & Service, Felicity Figueroa
- Chair of Advocates for Peace & Justice, Dave Smith
- Chair of Stephen Ministry, Dave Schofield
- Chair of Fellowship, Alyssa Cornett
- Chair of Worship, Jen Mirmak
- Co-Chair of Congregational Care, Teri Olson
- Newsletter Editor & Acting Clerk, Tricia Aynes

### Staff present:

- Paul Tellström, Senior Pastor
- Jack Cahill, Adult Education Director
- Michael Spindle, Church Administrator
- Sarah Fiske-Phillips, Director of Ministry for Young People

### Ministry and Committee Chairs Absent:

- Chair of Music, Larry Gates
- Chair of Adult Ed, Carol Ballestry
- Co-Chair of Congregational Participation, Renae Boyum
- Chair of Outreach, Dawn Price
- Chair of Young People's Ministry, Meredith Anderson
- Historian, Paul Shirey

**Anne Rosse** called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. **Pastor Paul Tellström** led the opening prayer.

**Minutes** from the April 14, 2014, meeting were approved as submitted (moved by Felicity, seconded by Dave Schofield - Motion passed unanimously). Approval of the Minutes from the March meeting was tabled pending distribution.

### I. Calendar

- No Prayer Shawl meetings in May or June
- 1<sup>st</sup> Monday visits to Isaiah House are on hiatus for now
- May 18            Remove Advocates' meeting
- June 8            Comma Group luncheon and Choir Concert
- June 10          Add OCCCO meeting at 1 p.m.
- June 13-14      Annual gathering of SCNC at Chapman University (we need two delegates)
- June 15          Family Promise Sunday
- June 22          Graduation Sunday (honor grads and give prayer shawls)
- June 29          Ice Cream Social

- July 14 No Ministries Board meeting (Admin Board meets as usual)
- June 12 on No choir practice on Thursdays until fall
- June 15 Pastor's Potluck 1 (theme: kids)
- July 1 Remove Bread for the Journey meeting
- Aug. 5 Remove Bread for the Journey meeting
- Aug. 6 Pastor's Potluck 2 (Theme: women)
- Aug. 9 OC Pride Festival
- August 19 Seekers meet off-campus
- Sept. 4 Pastor's Potluck 3 (theme: choir appreciation)
- Sept. 11 First Choir rehearsal
- Sept. 14 Choir returns from hiatus
- Sept. 14 Sunday School Kick-off and Registration
- Sept. 21 Church Picnic
- Sept. 28 Comma Group launch and leader training (Comma mtgs. to start in October)
- Oct. 3, 4, 5 Adult Education event (TBD)
- Oct. 6-16 Global Mission Trip to Japan (up to 10 can go)
- Oct. 17-18 All Church Camp at Pilgrim Pines
- Oct. 19 Crop Walk
- Oct. 19-Nov. 9 Sunday Stewardship Campaign dates
- Nov. 2 Youth Sunday (tentative)
- Nov. 9 Stewardship Sunday and All Church Work Day
- Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Service with University Synagogue at IUCC
- Nov. 30 Advent Workshop (Advent begins)
- Dec. 7 Choir concert (subject to John's okay)

## II. Pastor's Report

Pastor Paul distributed his written report, which included the following highlights: (1) The Post-Easter survey results will be reviewed by the worship team for possible changes; (2) He met with representatives from Orange County Congregation Community Organization (OCCCO) and Tapestry Unitarian Universalist to see how we can work together to advocate for immigration reform; (3) Randy and Ken have decided on a mission trip to Japan with proposed dates of October 6-16; (4) He will be at the Festival of Homiletics in Minneapolis from May 19-25; and (5) He is suggesting to our Conference office that they share with us in the hours Matthew needs to fulfill one of his remaining graduation requirements.

He would like to develop a framework for the topic of immigration reform – sermon focus, informational forum(s), possible trip to Tijuana, etc. We could consider activism on other issues as well (homelessness, gun control, prison/death penalty, etc.). Future discussions can help us reach consensus and develop strategies.

## III. Additional Staff Reports

Jack Cahill reported the following: (1) The Women's Retreat went well; (2) Remaining Comma Group meetings will take place this month; (3) We will discuss future topics at the wrap-up Comma Group Luncheon on June 8; (4) The Rev. Barry Lynn was well received and had a good turnout - we hope to have him back in the Fall, perhaps Oct. 3-4; (5) Bible Study has been consolidated into one session on Tuesdays at 4 p.m., and has switched to a topical format; (6) There will be no Adult Sunday School this week due to the building forums; and (7) We are looking into a variety of guest speakers, including Rosemary Radford Ruether and Harvey Cox – if you have any other suggestions/connections, let Jack know.

Sarah Fiske-Phillips reported the following: (1) IUCC welcomed 47 children on Easter Sunday and staged two egg hunts; (2) The youth have raised all the money they needed for summer trips; (3) May 23 is the Parent Social; and (4) The scavenger hunt was postponed.

#### **V. Moderator's Report**

Anne Rosse distributed her written report, which included the following highlights: (1) The Spring Congregational meeting will be June 1, and ministry reports are due May 22; (2) On May 18, we will have two forums to review the proposed Master Plan; (3) Note that on June 1 we will only be voting on whether or not to send the Master Plan to the City of Irvine for a Modified Conditional Use Permit; (4) Reminder that new leaders will be coming to our June 9 meeting – please work to ensure a smooth transition; (5) Reminder to attend the July 11 leadership weekend gathering on July 11 and the Leadership Retreat on July 12; and (6) July 13 is Leadership Sunday.

#### **VI. Old Business**

None

#### **VII. New Business**

- Michael reported that we have a new safe in the worship closet.
- Alyssa and the Boy Scout troop need keys.
- Pastor Paul reported that we have had people holding signs and soliciting on the patio on Sunday mornings and asked for advice on an appropriate response. A discussion ensued, and we agreed that it would be best to talk with them, share our refreshments and/or care packs (which could include referral information to local services), but discourage them from making direct monetary solicitations to members.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

Pastor Paul gave the closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The next Ministries Board meeting will be June 9, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Tricia Aynes, Acting Clerk*