

IUCC MINISTRIES BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2013

Officers of the Church present:

- Chair of Ministries Board, Pat Sauter
- Moderator, Anne Rosse
- Historian, Paul Shirey

Ministry and Committee Chairs present:

- Chair of Mission & Service, Felicity Figueroa
- Chair of Worship, Jen Mirmak
- Co-Chair of Fund Development, Janet Emery
- Chair of Advocates for Peace & Justice, Dave Smith
- Chair of Stephen Ministry, Dave Schofield
- Representing Chair of Music, Suzie Feick (for Larry Gates)
- Chair of Outreach, Dawn Price
- Co-Chair of Congregational Participation, Renae Boyum
- Co-Chair of Congregational Care, Howard Emery
- Chair of Adult Programs, Carol Ballesty
- Chair of Fellowship, Brian Pearcy
- Assistant Chair of Fellowship, Alyssa Cornett
- Newsletter Editor, Tricia Aynes

Staff present:

- Rev. Paul Tellström, Senior Pastor
- Michael Spindle, Administrator

Absent:

- Bonnie Shaffstall, Meredith Anderson

Pat Sauter called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Brian Pearcy led the opening prayer.

The Minutes from the August 12, 2013, meeting were approved as presented.

I. Calendar

- Sept. 14 Memorial Service in sanctuary with reception to be held off campus
- Oct. 19 Game Night at 6 p.m. to be followed by youth sleepover
- Oct. 20 Kickoff of Stewardship Campaign (no campus reservation required)
- Nov. 2 Organize worship closet at 10 a.m.
- Dec. 8 Amnesty Write-A-Thon on patio (in conjunction with 3rd World Crafts)
- Dec. 8 Music Ministry to have all campus reservation starting at 2 p.m.

Michael asked that everyone put their ministry-related items away beneath their mailbox in the file cabinets installed there for that purpose. He also asked that we take our dishes with us after using the kitchen to keep the counters clean for others who use the space.

Anne recommended that we be less specific about medical conditions during prayer shawl distribution.

II. Pastor's Report

Pastor Paul distributed his written report, which included the following highlights: (1) Yesterday's Sunday school kick-off proved to be a good sign of some very positive enthusiasm; (2) A new child care person has been hired (Tricia Abouabdo), and our Adult Ed position is still open; (3) Matt Redman will begin his internship on Sept. 30; (4) Jerry Stinson will be adding one week to his Adult Ed program (doing six weeks instead of five); and (5) There will be a memorial service this Saturday and two weddings in October.

III. Moderator's Report

Anne Rosse distributed her written report, which included the following highlights: (1) On Sept. 15, we will acknowledge and bless new church leaders at both services; (2) Thanks to everyone for submitting their 2014 budgets; (3) We are asking for 100% pledge participation from leadership by the end of September; (4) Thanks to those who have stepped up to cover Adult Education Ministry Director job responsibilities; (5) We have received a near-final draft of a contract with *domusstudios* to prepare a master plan for our campus; and (6) Plans are being put in place for a preliminary re-launch of the IUCC website later this Fall.

Anne spoke with Lindy Garber about the recent Building & Grounds workday, which drew 15 volunteers at different ends of the age spectrum. Lindy asked for suggestions on how we can attract a wider demographic. Suggestions from the board included: (1) Let people know exact tasks to be accomplished; (2) Schedule it for a Sunday after church; (3) Issue a challenge from the pulpit; (4) Frame it as a chance to get acquainted with other members; and/or (5) Outreach to outside community and present it as a community service opportunity. It was decided to schedule the next workday for Sunday, **November 10** as part of the Stewardship Sunday activities.

Our regularly scheduled October Ministries Board meeting will remain on October 14 since Columbus Day is not a staff holiday. Since the November Ministries Board meeting would normally fall on Veteran's Day (which is a staff and national holiday), it was decided by consensus to reschedule it to **November 4**.

IV. Additions to Reports

Dawn distributed a sign-up sheet for the Irvine Global Village event on Sept. 28. She will order peace sign temporary tattoos to distribute at the event.

Paul will be speaking at an Interfaith Service on Sept. 11.

Jen has taken over scheduling the acolytes and would like to sign up more youth for this activity.

V. Old Business

Brian encouraged everyone to sign up to bring a food item to the upcoming church picnic.

In response to a question, Michael reported that we have 338 people on our newsletter e-distribution list, and 164 people opened the most recent file. Approximately 60% of people read the newsletter in this way. People can request print copies. Leftover print copies are placed in the Narthex.

VI. Pledge Campaign

We would like to say that 100% of the leadership participated in the pledge campaign. Leaders were encouraged to either fill out their pledge cards tonight or place them in the offering plate on Sunday.

VII. New Business

Felicity distributed a "Care at Life's End" flyer for an event that will take place October 11 at Hoag Hospital.

Carol could use more volunteers for the Sister Simone event on Saturday, Sept. 21. Per Michael, we have obtained permission to use the Greek Orthodox Church lot next door for overflow parking that day.

58 tickets have been sold for the Sister Simone luncheon on Sunday, Sept. 22, and we have room for up to 100.

VIII. Adjournment

Pastor Paul gave the closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

There were two breakout group meetings held after we adjourned: (1) Sister Simone visit final plans, and (2) Fund Raising/Fellowship.

The next Ministries Board meeting will be October 14, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tricia Aynes, Substitute Clerk