

**Irvine United Congregational Church**  
**2016 Winter Congregational Meeting Minutes**  
**January 31, 2016**

**1. Call to Order**

Moderator Renae Boyum called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

**2. Establishment of Quorum**

Church Administrator Michael Spindle reported that 147 of our corporate members were in attendance, thus establishing a quorum. Renae thanked Michael Spindle and Heidi Willcox for their assistance in preparing the packets for today's meeting.

**3. Opening Prayer**

The opening prayer was led by Pastor Matthew Redrich.

**4. Introduction of Parliamentarian**

Renae Boyum introduced Rachel Dill as parliamentarian for the meeting.

**5. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** To approve the Agenda as presented. Moved by Don Bjorklund, seconded by Carl Whidden. The motion was approved.

**6. Approval of Spring Congregational Meeting Minutes**

The Minutes from the May 17, 2015 Spring Congregational meeting were accepted as presented.

**7. Approval of Bylaw Changes**

David Schofield, Chair of the Task Force on Bylaws, Policies and Procedures, thanked the members of the Task Force and presented the following proposed Amendments to the Bylaws:

- Article 10 Section 3B: Change the name of The Ministry of Outreach to The Ministry of Communications.
- Article 11 Section 2: Replace the name "Outreach" with "Communications" throughout this section.

**MOTION:** To approve the proposed Bylaw Amendments. Moved by Don Bjorklund, seconded by Jen Mirmak. The motion was approved.

**8. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Mark Allen presented the IUCC 2016 Budget and 2015 Financial Review (full version included in packet on pages 7-44), the highlights of which are as follows:

- The results presented for the 2016 budget do not include any budgeted amounts for the 2016 capital campaign.
- The income results presented in 2015 do not include approximately \$36,000 of contributions for the 2016 Capital Campaign that were deferred into 2016 as the congregation has not yet voted on moving forward with the building campaign.
- IUCC is showing a 2015 net income of \$67,700, with total cash flow of approximately \$101,900. The results of \$67,700 in net income compare very favorably to a 2015 budgeted loss of (\$33,000), producing a positive \$100,400 variance.
- The most significant difference between 2014 and 2015 actuals was the improvement in operating results from the Early Childhood Center (ECC).
- IUCC total results show a small and manageable loss of (\$17,500) with a positive total cash flow of \$3,000.

- ECC headcount has increased from an average of 33 kids in 2014 to almost 47 kids per month in 2015; we are projecting an increase to 50 kids a month in 2016.
- We are expecting pledges of \$448,500 this year.
- Capital expenditures are budgeted at \$7,500 for 2016, slightly higher than 2014 and 2015.
- Final budget shows expenses of \$608,000. Other than postponed narthex painting and parking lot repair (cost of roughly \$10,000), all other line items in ministries and committees were either funded at their requested amounts or slightly higher.

Lorraine Fox asked that the Minutes reflect how much we appreciate the hard work of Laura Long and Martha Selby for their efforts to turn the ECC around. Renae thanked Mark for his hard work on the budget.

### **9. Approval of 2016 Budget**

**MOTION:** To approve the 2016 Budget as presented. Moved by Greg Guth, seconded by Susie Feick. Motion approved unanimously.

### **10. Resolution to celebrate 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Open & Affirming decision**

Ministries Board Chair Dawn Price presented the following Resolution to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and significance of this congregations' embrace of an Open and Affirming designation: "Resolved, that this congregation hereby reaffirms its deep commitment to an *Open and Affirming* designation; and calls upon its leadership to create appropriate public events and celebrations of this anniversary and this commitment throughout the calendar year of 2015."

**MOTION:** To accept the above Resolution as presented. Moved by Dawn Price, seconded by Roger Laule. Motion approved with one abstention.

### **11. Approval of IUCC Master Plan Phase I Capital Campaign**

Anne Rosse, Chair of the Building Task Force, provided a summary of where we are in the IUCC Master Plan – a three phase plan to expand and enhance our church campus. As of December 9, 2015, we have approval of all three phases from the City of Irvine. She thanked the congregation for their patience, vision, and investment in supporting the Master Plan. She introduced the following speakers in support of funding Phase I:

- David Pfeifer, an architect at domusstudio, gave a brief recap of what is involved in the three phases. Phase I: A 4400 square foot addition composed of a larger narthex, additional meeting spaces and offices, enhanced landscaping, wider driveway, and a more welcoming frontage including a beautiful façade wall with large portals and openings. Phase II: A new child care center with a capacity of 60 children and a 4500 square foot play area. Phase III: A new 5900 square foot fellowship hall with flexible space including a serviceable kitchen and youth space.
- The Rev. Jerry Stinson, pastor of First Congregational Church of Long Beach (which used domusstudio to expand their church facility) spoke to how much the redesign allowed the church to do more community service – it let them bring other people in and allowed them to say "yes" to all the things they wanted to do.
- Attorney Rob Thornton (IUCC member) stated that the land on which IUCC sits was originally purchased by the Conference for a startup church, and they are the fee owner of the property. We are working with them to draft a lease to protect our investment. This week, we received the first draft of a 99 year lease at \$1 a year that will give us a legal base going forward.

- Pastor Paul said that our campus is wearing down, and this campaign is a natural next best step for us to take. It will enable us to better serve our community. He and his partner Carl will give a strong financial gift and hope others will get behind it also.
- Keith and Renae Boyum both spoke to legacy – how those who came before us took a risk and stepped forward in faith, and we have benefitted from their legacy. It's our turn to do the same. Renae likened their investment in the campaign to helping their children with down payments on their homes. They feel this is the best way to insure that our legacy of hope, love, and inclusion will continue. Anne said the Rev. Priscilla Bizer (Capital Fundraising Executive of UCC's Capital Campaign Services) had advised us of a high probability of success – she believes we're ready and should move forward in faith. Phase I will cost at least \$2 million, and we will need to raise at least \$1.5 million. To accomplish this, we need to be "all in."

**MOTION:** RESOLVED, the IUCC congregation prayerfully affirms undertaking a capital campaign to fund Phase I of the IUCC Master Plan and hiring the Rev. Priscilla Bizer, Capital Fundraising Executive, of UCC's Capital Campaign Services (CCS) to advise us. Of the \$46,932 CCS fees, \$32,853 will flow back for UCC and IUCC philanthropic purposes. To meet the \$2+ million project costs, the fundraising goal is established as at least \$1.5 million, with a stretch goal of \$2 million to help mitigate the financial burden of new debt to meet the remaining project costs. Moved by Anne Rosse, seconded by Patty McCarthy.

**MOTION:** For the vote to be taken by secret ballot. Moved by Bil Aulenbach, seconded by Suellen Rowe. The ayes had it, so the motion carried.

Debate items (with responses in parentheses) were as follow:

- Linda Hidy asked if we will go through the same process with Phases II and III. (Yes.)
- Paul Feick asked if we know what the numbers are for the next two phases. (Yes, the approximate cost will be about \$2 million for each of the next two phases – each will require a congregational vote. The three phases are designed to unfold in a specific manner.)
- Paul Feick asked if Plumer Hall will be removed. (Yes, it will be replaced in Phase II.)
- Gene Price asked how we would handle the kids during the work – when we do Phase II, where would they be located. (Plumer Hall will be demolished in Phase II, and a new preschool will be built on that site. The preschool will remain in the Atwood building until the new preschool is built.)
- Keith Dillon asked where we would worship during the construction. (Right here, but we may need to have congregants come in a different entrance.)
- Patty McCarthy asked when we would start building – only when all the money was here. (As long as we have documented pledges, we can do a bridge loan. If the vote today is in favor and there is reasonable success by the May congregational meeting, we will need 6-9 months for planning – then we can anticipate shovels in the ground in early 2017.)
- Dale Lang asked if the courtyard was included in Phase I. (Yes.)
- Teri Houston asked if Fred Plumer's name would stay on campus. (There is nothing to prevent our naming something for him, but it would need a vote of the congregation.)
- Dean McCleskey asked if there would be a kitchen once Plumer Hall was demolished. (We will have a coffee area in Phase I, and the kitchen in Atwood will remain in operation until Phase III is complete.)
- Glenda Rynn asked if there will there be enough parking. (Yes, we have overflow parking at the Woodbridge Community Center. Plus, the City of Irvine would not approve our plans if there were not enough parking available.)
- Daniel Blackburn doesn't like the fence. (It is not a fence – it is a stylistic wall designed to be beautiful and inviting.)

**MOTION:** To call for the question. Moved by Reefa Hanenberger, seconded by Susie Lang. Motion carried.

A secret ballot was taken and ballots were tabulated by Ken Wyant, Nancy Dreckman, and Cheryl Trobiani. 136 votes were cast, and the results were as follows:

- 121 -Yes 88.97%
- 7 - No 5.15%
- 8 - Abstentions 5.88%

The motion carried.

### ***12. New Business***

**MOTION:** That the (Administration) Board appoint a special committee (a friendly amendment from Dawn Price to change “special committee” to “task force” was accepted) to study the many ways that our new facilities could be used to help “the least of these my brethren” (Matthew 25) and that this committee (“task force”) share their preliminary findings at our next congregational meeting. Moved by Bil Aulenbach, seconded by Jessie Billings. The motion carried.

### ***13. State of the Church***

Pastor Paul Tellström provided a written report on the state of the church which was included in the packet. In his verbal report, he said the following:

- This Tuesday, from 5 a.m. to 10 a.m., Marilyn Smith will have a prayer group in the sanctuary to pray for Carol Welsch who is having surgery that morning.
- IUCC is blessed with an abundance of good leaders, and it is a privilege to be part of this community.
- Concerning his health, he is grateful for the love and support of the congregation. He is convinced that with the good care he is receiving, proper exercise, healthy living, and the right medications, he is going to be just fine for a long time.
- He wished Matthew and Chris Redrich all the best in Matthew’s new call, and they received a standing ovation from the congregation.
- Sarah Fiske-Phillips will be our official intern starting in the fall.
- He thanked Anne Rosse for her incredible groundwork on the building campaign.

### ***14. Adjournment***

**MOTION:** To adjourn. Moved by Felicity Figueroa, seconded by Bil Aulenbach. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

Pastor Paul led the congregation in a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Tricia Aynes*  
Clerk, Administration Board