

Irvine United Congregational Church

2016 Spring Congregational Meeting

May 15, 2016

1. Call to order

Moderator Renae Boyum called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

2. Establishing a Quorum

Cindy O'Dell reported that 106 corporate members were present, thus establishing a quorum.

3. Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was offered by Sarah Fiske-Phillips

4. Introduction of Parliamentarian.

Renae Boyum introduced Don Bjorklund as parliamentarian.

5. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda as modified and corrected.

Moved by Ashley Herndon, seconded by Brian Percy-Schofield. Approved.

6. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the Jan. 11, 2016, Winter Congregational Meeting were accepted as presented. Moved by Jim Aynes and seconded by Felicity Figueroa.

7. Reports from Ministries and Committees.

Motion to accept attached reports as presented. Moved by Dave Schofield, seconded by Wayne Banwell. Carried. All reports listed as attached are available in the Spring Congregational Meeting Report.

8. Election of 2016-17 Church Leaders

Motion to elect church leaders as listed in Spring Congregational Meeting Report. * Moved by Elizabeth Hall, seconded by Duane Vajgrt. Motion carried.

A gift was presented to Dawn Price, the outgoing Chair of the Ministries Board.

9. Embracing the Future Capital Campaign

Anne Rosse, chair of the Capital Campaign Team, reported that just under \$800,000 has been pledged. The projected cost of the project is \$2 million. The Capital Campaign goal is \$1.5 million by June 26, 2016, with \$2 million as a stretch goal. Assessment will be made at that time.

A special Congregational Meeting will be called and a vote taken to move ahead with the project. Anne Rosse recognized members of the Capital Campaign Team: Paul Tellstrom, Mark Allen, Keith Boyum, Bill Lawrence, Chris Redrich, Tommie Kozlov, Pat Sauter and Priscilla Bizer. Others who have assisted the team were also recognized. Renae Boyum thanked Anne Rosse for her work as chair.

10. Reaffirmation of Church's Open and Affirming Designation

Dave Schofield read a motion that the leadership be asked to build appropriate organizational structure to pursue

Open and Affirming activities and public policy positions. In so doing, the church can continue community leadership on issues of welcome, companionship and

inclusion for all persons irrespective of sexual orientation and gender identity. Seconded by Debra Banwell.

Discussion followed about meaning of designation, a committee to be established under Ministries Board, and making designation more visible.

Motion carried by unanimous vote. Renae Boyum reminded congregation that 25th Anniversary Celebration for Open and Affirming Designation will be held on June 12.

11. Beginning Process for IUCC to become designated as a Creation Justice Church.

Dawn Price presented a history of the Green Faith movement at IUCC. She moved that the Green Faith Committee be asked to work with leadership to engage the congregation in identifying and implementing an environmental justice emphasis in the programs, activities and public positions. The committee should also draft a Creation Justice Covenant to be presented for a vote at the Jan. 27, 2017, Congregational Meeting. Motion seconded by Suzie Feick.

Discussion followed with questions answered by Vivian Johnson, chair of Green Faith Committee, who gave special thanks to Judy Curry, Nancy Dreckman, Howard Emery, Carol Getz, Eileen Vincent. Accomplishments of committee also pointed out. Motion carried.

12. Treasurer's Report

Mark Allen reported that the church has made a \$6.2 thousand profit so far this year. Much of this is due to work of Early Childhood Center committee. Report is in Spring Congregational Meeting Report.*

13. State of the Church

Paul Tellstrom asked congregation to read his report in the Spring Congregational Meeting Report. He gave special thanks to Laura Long and her committee for improvement in Early Childhood Center.

He welcomed new staff members, Chris Luthi, Steve Swope and Ben Allen and highlighted Jerry Price's work with establishing the Deacon Program.

14. Adjournment

Susie Lang moved that meeting be adjourned and Wayne Banwell seconded. Renae Boyum adjourned that meeting at 12:55 pm.

15. Prayer

Paul Tellstrom offered a closing prayer.

Submitted by Peggy Goetz
Clerk of the Ministries Board

* Spring Congregational Meeting Report is available online at iucc.org/documents.