

**Irvine United Congregational Church
2018 Spring Congregational Meeting
May 20, 2018
Minutes for Approval**

Meeting called to order by Moderator Renae Boyum at 12:15 p.m.

Church Administrator Michael Spindle confirmed a quorum of 86 congregants.

The opening prayer was offered by Pastor Sarah Fiske-Phillips.

Renae Boyum introduced Don Bjorklund as parliamentarian.

Agenda was approved as presented by **motion** of Debra Banwell with second from Jessie Billings. Motion carried.

Minutes of the 2018 Winter Congregational Meeting on Jan. 28 were approved as presented.

Treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Mark Allen. He said that so far the year is financially going well with an increase in income. An increase in profitability for the Early Childcare Center was the biggest portion of that increase. He said this has been the most profitable year so far for the center. In addition he said that expenses 15.4% less than budgeted.

He also said that we are on budget for the building project at this time. Twenty-two percent more than the expected pledged amounts have come in already. He reminded the meeting that \$51,500 still needs to be pledged to complete this phase of the building project.

(Further financial details are available in the report included in the meeting packet.)

Reports from ministries and committees were accepted by Moderator Renae Boyum. The reports are included in the meeting packet.

Bylaws changes recommended by the Bylaws Committee were presented by Dave Schofield. The changes will allow a vote of the congregation to annually extend a church officer's term of service beyond the current maximum of five years. This was motivated by Treasurer Mark Allen being termed-out and the desire to have him remain as treasurer until the current building project is finished. **Motion:** That the proposed changes to the bylaws be accepted. Moved by Dave Schofield and seconded by David Carruthers. Motion carried unanimously.

Ratification of 2018-2019 Leadership Slate, including Mark Allen as treasurer made possible by bylaws change. **Motion** by Dave Schofield and seconded by Wayne Banwell. Motion carried.

Thanks extended to outgoing leaders with special recognition and gift to Dave Schofield, outgoing Administrative Board chair, who has served the church in many capacities for 24 years.

Worship Renewal Task Force Report. Paul Tellstrom and John St. Marie reported on work of task force after introducing members. A survey was conducted and overall the service was well received but there was nothing that could not be changed. Some respondents did not feel as connected to other members of the church community as they hoped.

The task force will continue to meet for analysis of the survey results. The following recommendations will be tried:

- Different service formats will be tried (for a month) and the congregation will be asked for input.
- Paul will read Prayers of the People submitted to ushers at each service.
- The number of pages in the bulletin will be reduced and replaced by electronic content.
- Drama will be developed and included in the services.
- An art show may be mounted in the new space with an eye toward new art for the sanctuary.
- Music commissioned for the church may be mounted and posted in the new space.
- The Worship Committee will be expanded in order to include new aspects in the services.

Building Project update was given by Building Committee Chair Anne Rosse. She presented a slide show on the progress of the building. Remaining work will be mostly on the interior as so will be less visible. Certificate of occupancy is expected on July 27 with move-in anticipated in early August. The grand opening of the new building is scheduled for Sept. 9. Jessie Billings is chair of planning the event. (Further details are available in the report in the meeting packet.)

The Capital Campaign will continue through the end of June. The greatest need now is to raise the still-needed \$51,500.

State of the Church by Pastor Paul Tellstrom. He thanked the staff and church leadership. There will be a special good-bye event on June 24 to honor Church Administrator Michael Spindle, who will retire June 30. He said the challenge going forward will be using the new space in ways that support our community values. He gave special thanks to the family that cleans the church and who would like to start their own cleaning service.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 with closing prayer offered by Paul Tellstrom.

Minutes by Peggy Goetz, clerk of the Ministries Board