

Irvine United Congregational Church
Spring Congregational Meeting
May 16, 2010

Moderator Keith Boyum called the meeting to order at 12:06 PM. Pastor Elizabeth Griswold led us in the opening prayer and Church Administrator Michael Spindle confirmed we had a quorum. Rachel Dill was introduced as the Parliamentarian.

Approval of Agenda - The moderator called for the approval of the agenda. David Schofield moved the agenda be approved and there was a second from the congregation. David Smith, Chair of the Advocates for Peace and Justice was recognized. David moved that item sixteen, "Motion to Adopt a Resolution in Support of Proposition 15 on the June 8, 2010 California Ballot" be deleted from the agenda. David commented that he felt the item was in keeping with the church's mission as the UCC has passed several initiatives on campaign finance reform, but that this specific agenda item had caused unanticipated controversy and should be removed.

Constance Cassidy seconded the motion to amend the agenda. The moderator called for discussion. The motion to delete item 16 from the agenda passed.

The moderator called for a vote to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion passed.

The Minutes of the Winter Congregational Meeting were reviewed. David Schofield moved they be accepted as written. There was a second from the congregation. The motion passed.

Report from the Moderator – Keith Boyum

Keith reported that good things are happening at our church and gave his heartfelt thanks to the work done by both the leadership and the staff.

Treasurers Report – David Carruthers

David led us through the first four months of this year's financial picture. Our general fund is in a negative \$22500 position which is somewhat offset by a positive \$5600 from the Early Childhood Education Center. David led the congregation through the rest of the numbers and explained that our accounting process of income/expenditure divided by twelve months of the year can give a lopsided financial picture. There are members that pay their pledge on an annual basis at the end of the year. Additionally, the congregation approved a budget for 2010 that was more than pledged income and we're hoping church growth will make up any differentials by the end of the year. David also explained how the 'timing' of expenses can also change our financial position from month to month.

Early Childhood Education Center- net income is at a positive variance and likely to stay that way with the increased tuition fees.

David invited the congregation to ask questions – there were none.

The moderator then extended his thanks to David for all his hard work.

Report from the Search Committee for a Director of Music – Connie Jones

Connie reported that the committee is meeting weekly and has a process in place. The job description has been posted in the appropriate venues and to date, twenty applications have been received. The committee hopes to have a contract negotiated and a director hired by August.

Long Range Planning Task Force – Renae Boyum, David Schofield

Renae reported that the LRPTF is meeting regularly and is drafting proposed goals and objectives. For the next six weeks, the congregation will have ample opportunities to look over the goals/objectives and provide feedback/opinions to the task force so the goals reflect the will of the congregation. By the end of June, the LRPTF should have enough feedback to begin formulating specific proposals.

Task Force on Children, Youth, Young Adults and Young Families –Chairperson Anne Rosse introduced the other committee members: Pastor Elizabeth Griswold, Doug Haynes, Roni Portillo, Marie Trout and Susan Sim. She then thanked them for all their hard work.

A summary of the committee’s recommendations was included in the Spring Meeting Packet and the final report is on the IUCC website. The committee strongly urged the congregation to read it thoroughly. Roni Portillo commented that working on the task force had meant a great deal to him personally and drove home the fact that IUCC is the kind of place where all children can be raised in a loving environment. Anne then briefly described some of the recommendations the committee made.

At the conclusion of the report, Don Bjorklund moved we adopt the proposed Bylaw change:

Delete from current Article 10, Section 3, Subsection B, paragraph 4, subparagraph a, “The Chair of the Christian Education Committee”.

Add the Ministry of Young People and the Ministry of Adult Programs to the previous section that lists the Chairpersons of each Ministry as members of the Ministries Board.

The motion received a second. Suellen Rowe offered a friendly amendment to change the words “of the” to “for the” in the description of ministry names.

There was no objection, and the friendly amendment was accepted. The motion passed.

Don Bjorklund moved that IUCC establish a new Ministry for Programs for Young People. Felicity Figueroa seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Don Bjorklund moved we establish a new Ministry for Adult Programs. Worth Giller seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Election of Officers for 2010-2011

Renae Boyum moved we approve the slate of candidates listed on page 26 of the Spring Congregational Meeting packet. Felicity Figueroa seconded the motion. Ariel Feir moved we amend the list of candidates to remove the proposed chair of the Advocates for

Peace and Justice from the list of candidates. Dave Smith, the candidate, made a brief statement and then excused himself so the congregation could discuss the issue. Comments both for and against the amendment were taken from the floor. There was a motion and a second to end the debate on the amendment. The motion carried. The vote to amend was taken and failed. The moderator called for a vote on the original motion to approve the slate of candidates. The motion passed.

State of the Church – Pastor Paul Tellström

Pastor Paul made a brief comment on how we'd just passed through a difficult moment in our church life and urged all of us to practice forgiveness.

Paul thanked those people in leadership who were stepping down.

He announced a new conference minister has been found and he will be our new conference moderator. He gave us a preview of the upcoming year: Bereavement Group will be starting soon as well as a Stephen Ministry. Going forward, IUCC will try to increase congregational participation in the life of the church by the formation of small groups and Adult programs.

The moderator called for any new business. There was none. Felicity Figueroa moved we adjourn. There as a second and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Arguile

Clerk of the Admin Board