

**IUCC MINISTRIES BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 2010**

Present:

Paul Tellström, Pastor
Robinmarie McClement, CE Director
Don Björklund, Chair
Keith Boyum, Moderator
David Smith, Adv. for P & J
Karl Schiller, M & S
Randy Romine, Cong. Part.
Connie Jones, Music

Elizabeth Griswold, Associate Pastor
Michael Spindle, Administrator
Kathi Smith, Clerk
Suellen Rowe, Historian
Brian Pearcy Fellowship
Shirley Lorenz, Cong. Care
Felicity Figueroa, Outreach

Absent:

Lesley Wheland, Worship
Teri Olson, Hospitality

Zach Haynes, Youth Rep.
Jennifer Bullington, CE Comm.

Guest: Rachel Dill

Documents received at the meeting: Minister's Report, Mission and Service Report, Outreach Report, CE Adult Education Report, Calendars, Congregational Care Report, Moderator's Report, New Member Information Sheets, Minutes of January Adv. for P & J Committee Meeting, Associate Pastor's Report

The meeting was called to order at 7:10, and Don led us in an opening prayer.

The January minutes were approved as written.

Pastor's Report:

- See written report.
- We are looking into the cost of improvements to our sound system, including two new wireless microphones.
- Shirley asked about our contribution to OCWM. We are hoping to encourage other churches to contribute to OCWM and are leading by example.
- Paul is encouraging us to develop Ministry Teams to include more people in our work.
- We have purchased a new table at a cost of \$87.00. This was paid for by Outreach. The tablecloth for the table will be between \$200 and \$250. The Administration Board will decide how to pay for this.
- Randy has some volunteers to take care of the new information table. Each chair person has been asked to make a sheet on his/her ministry including a photo of the chair person. Brain stressed that whoever mans the table should be familiar with all of the church's ministries and activities.
- We discussed how to use the membership information sheets. They will be given to Brian who will share them with the guides. The guide will share with the appropriate committee chair person and will facilitate a meeting between the new member and the committee chair or other appropriate person.

Associate Pastor's Report: See written report.

Christian Education:

- See written report.
- Robinmarie is going to allow the Bishop Spong event to be sold out. She will figure out what to do with people who show up at the last minute.

Moderator:

- See written report.
- Keith encouraged each ministry to develop a wish list for donations of money, time, equipment, etc.
- Four people responded to the request for office help that was placed in the Newsletter.

Congregational Participation:

- We had sixteen people at the most recent visitor gathering.
- We need to find a place to store the new table.

Advocates for Peace and Justice:

- See Minutes of January Meeting.
- About 60-70 people attended the Fair Elections Initiative discussion. They would like the church to endorse this initiative. We can propose this at the May Congregational Meeting.
- The National Religious Campaign Against Torture has a video that they are asking churches to show and discuss. We can possibly show this at one of our Wednesday's Journey events.
- It was suggested that ecology/environmental issues be included in this ministry rather than starting a new ministry.

Congregational Care:

- See written report.
- Shirley emphasized the importance of the prayer shawl ministry and the impact of the shawls on the recipients.

Outreach:

- Felicity showed us the ad in the New U for the Bishop Spong event.
- Dave suggested that we actually write a story for the New U--not just an ad.
- Consider trying to get the L.A. Times or the Register to cover the Bishop Spong event.
- April 10 will be the Great American Write-In.
- The Aides Walk will be May 22. The cost for a booth has been raised to \$350.
- The Orange County Pride event will be on August 14 at Hidden Valley (near Wild Rivers). The booth is free. Do we want to consider being a sponsor? This would put us on pamphlet, t-shirts, etc.
- The AIDS Services Foundation will be holding a tea for women with AIDS and would like to hold it here on May 2. Mission and Service will follow up on this.
- AU & OCEC meetings at IRWD offices will be on Feb. 20.
- Marriage Equality Forum with Erwin Chemerinsky & OCEC Storytellers will be on March 2 at UCI.
- OC Progressive Leadership Summit will be on May 23.

Historian: Please send Suellen photos that you would like to be in the scrapbook.

Ministry and Service:

- There will be a meeting on Feb. 14 to discuss organizing for Big Sunday, OGHS, and further aid for Haiti.
- OGHS is March 14.
- Paul suggested that perhaps the youth should work on the service projects on Big Sunday rather than coming to church.

Music:

- Feb. 9 will be the first meeting to organize the search committee for a new music director.
- We are experimenting with different taize styles.
- We have two new choir members--Terry LePage and her son.

Fellowship:

- We had 20 guests and 3 hosts at the last Bon Vivant. This month we have lots of hosts, but only 4 guests so far.
- We only have one family for All Church Game Night, so it will probably be canceled. We need to build enthusiasm for this. Ideas include merging this event with the Family Bon Vivant, holding a Wii Olympics, and including the youth group. The next Game Night will be April 10.

Calendars:

- April 10 will be Game Night.
- The Advocates meetings will be the third Sunday (not the first Sunday).
- Choir retreat to prepare for Easter will be March 6.

Hospitality:

- The committee is beginning to meet regularly.
- Rachel has agreed to organize potlucks that are not assigned to anyone else.
- It was suggested that vegetarian dishes be labeled.
- We need more tables for potlucks. It was suggested to use the wooden tables for serving. We have 17 aluminum tables.

New Member Development: We have sixteen guides.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15. Elizabeth led us in a closing prayer.

Next meeting is March 8, 2010.