

**IUCC MINISTRIES BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 11, 2010**

Present:

Paul Tellstrom, Pastor	Elizabeth Griswold, Associate Pastor
Robinmarie McClement, CE Director	Don Bjorklund, Chair
Kathi Smith, Clerk	David Smith, Adv. for P & J
Brian Percy, Fellowship	Karl Schiller, M & S
Teri Olson, Hospitality	Shirley Lorenz, Cong. Care
Randy Romine, Cong. Part.	Felicity Figueroa, Outreach
Lesley Wheland, Worship	Connie Jones, Music

Absent:

Michael Spindle, Administrator	Keith Boyum, Moderator
Suellen Rowe, Historian	Zach Haynes, Youth Rep.
Jennifer Bullington, CE Comm.	

Documents received at the meeting: Congregational Care Report, New Members 2009, CE Report, Associate Pastor's Report, New Member Information Sheets, Mission and Service Report

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 and Don led us in an opening prayer.

The December minutes were approved as corrected.

Pastor's Report:

- We discussed the list of new members who joined in 2009.
- Paul suggested that we enlarge our ministries. He was inspired by a visit to All Saints Church. We need to be "intentionally invitational" and seek to enlarge our ministries by inviting people to be on committees. The new Assimilation Committee will have a budget of approximately \$1000.
- Our discussion generated the following ideas:
 - Felicity suggested that we have a new ministry which focuses on ecology and the environment. We have some new members who may be interested in this.
 - Consider having quarterly ministry fairs instead of just once a year.
 - Consider highlighting a different ministry each month, calling it "Ministry of the Month."
 - Purchase a marketing table/information table with a cloth that would fit over the table. This could be taken to events as well as being used each Sunday.
 - The table could be staffed every week by someone to greet visitors as well as someone to explain our ministries (perhaps someone from the assimilation committee).
 - When something is coming up, focus on that ministry, for example Big Sunday will be coming up in May.

- Perhaps Mission and Service plus Advocates for Peace and Justice could have something going on most of the time.
- Another idea is a rolling book cart labeled "Take one, leave one."
- Brian will bring these ideas to the Assimilation Committee.
- It would be helpful for each ministry to develop a flyer for the information table. Connie offered to do a choir flyer.
- On February 15 Progressive Christians United will hold their annual event at the Los Angeles Cathedral.

Associate Pastor's Report: See written report.

Christian Education Report:

- See written report.
- Ticket sales for Bishop Spong are going well. We have collected about \$2300 so far.
- Robinmarie and Elizabeth are in transition. They estimate that by June, Elizabeth will be handing all of the children and youth activities and Robinmarie will be focused on adult education.
- The Jesus Seminar on the Book of Thomas is being rescheduled because of the conflict with the Women's Retreat at Pilgrim Pines.
- Robinmarie is still working on scheduling Krista Tippett, possibly in 2011. She lives in Michigan.
- Another speaker being considered is Amy Jill Levine. She is an Old Testament scholar who is a Jewish convert to Christianity. The Synagogue may be willing to co-sponsor this.

Music:

- The search committee is forming to find a replacement for Rob. There will be four music people and two or three people from the administrative board. The four music people are Connie Jones, Larry Gates, Janice Johnson, and Pam Blaine.
- The list will be narrowed down by the end of April. The finalists will spend 45 minutes with the choir teaching 2 pieces: one of the candidate's choice and one chosen by the committee.
- There will not be enough time to prepare for a spring concert, so the main music event this spring will be our Easter music.
- Paul would like to have choir attendance sheets each week.

Worship:

- Lesley has tried to get lots of people involved this year. We had a great Christmas season.
- Lent is coming up. February 17 is Ash Wednesday, April 1 is Maundy Thursday, and April 4 is Easter.
- Lesley is cleaning up the worship closet. If you are storing anything in there, please let her know.

Mission and Service:

- We collected over \$3300 for the Heifer project.

- The food collection went very well. We filled four trash containers for Families Forward and two for Second Harvest.
- We plan to again work with iSanctuary, CASA, Heifer, and the food drives in the fall.
- Big Sunday is coming up on May 1 and 2. Mission and Service will have a meeting in February to start sign-ups for this project.
- M & S has begun its annual donations to our selected charities.

Hospitality: On February 7, Teri will have sign-ups for our new member potluck.

Congregational Participation:

- We received information sheets on our newest members.
- We've had many visitors and have eight potential new members so far. Randy told us about some of the new faces and visitors that we've been seeing.
- Two UCC families have visited, one from Montana and the other from Florida.

Advocates for Peace and Justice:

- The first Sunday meeting date isn't working out too well, so the meeting time will be changing.
- There will be a meeting on Sunday, January 17.
- On January 30, a group to discuss the California Fair Elections Proposition will be meeting here.

Congregational Care:

- See written report.
- We delivered seven poinsettias in conjunction with visitations.
- We gave financial help to several members in need over the holidays. We still have three \$50 Ralph's gift cards if someone is in need.
- We gave our annual \$200 gift to Ofelia in Child Care.
- Be sure to let Shirley know if there are people who are in any kind of need.
- We need to put something in the bulletin about ride share.
- January 22 will be Ernie's 97th birthday. Shirley will get flowers, balloons, and a birthday cake for January 24. We will invite everyone to join in for "Ernie's Birthday Potluck" at the end of the Congregational Meeting.

Outreach: We have an ad in the New U every Tuesday. Felicity showed us a sample.

Fellowship:

- Bon Vivants are going strong. Sign-ups are done three months at a time.
- Susan Sim is working on the family Bon Vivants.
- Sandy Sedwick is organizing a Bon Vivant field trip to contra dancing.
- There is a need for Sunday school teacher teams, so that the same person does not have to teach every Sunday.
- Let Brian know if you want to be a part of the Assimilation Team.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 followed by a closing prayer.