

**IUCC MINISTRIES BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 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
Lesley Wheland, Worship
Connie Jones, Music

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

Absent:

Randy Romine, Cong. Part.
Jennifer Bullington, CE Comm.

Zach Haynes, Youth Rep.

Guest: Kathy Saylor

Reports to be attached to the minutes: Congregational Care Report, Moderator's Report, CE Report, Associate Pastor's Report, Minister's Report, Confidential Music Ministry Report, Historian Report, February Advocates Ministry Minutes, Mission and Service Minutes

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

The February minutes were approved as corrected.

Guest: Kathy Saylor explained her idea for a breast cancer survivor support group. The Board applauded her efforts and added its blessing to this endeavor.

Music:

- Connie shared a time line for the music search committee.
- It was agreed that all the finalists, not just the final candidate, should meet with Paul.
- We anticipate 25--30 applicants.
- Connie wants to be sure that the congregation knows that this is a fair process and that Tina is not being shown favoritism. She may present this at the May Congregational Meeting and will possibly put something in the bulletin, newsletter, or Friday's message.
- Robinmaire will coordinate breakfast for the choir on Easter. Congregational Care and Hospitality will help.

Pastor's Report:

- See written report.
- Very few people attended the Tony Campolo event at the Synagogue. We discussed whether we want to continue to have these joint events. We concluded that this particular event was during a busy weekend and was perhaps overshadowed by the Bishop Spong event.

- Shirley asked what we should be doing to help the conference. Don mentioned that he attended the Spring Association Conference and felt that the group was more hopeful than in the past. He suggested that we have a good turnout for the annual conference, especially since it is in Santa Ana this year. It takes place in June. We are one of the strongest churches in the conference.

Associate Pastor's Report: See written report.

Adult and Special Programs Report:

- See written report.
- Shirley thanked Robinmarie for the incredible Bishop Spong event and complimented Michael for our great website.

Moderator:

- See written report.
- Keith encouraged everyone to plan now for our spring meeting. Please let the nominating committee know if you wish to continue as Ministry Chair. Are there other items that should be added to the agenda for the congregational meeting?
- The Administrative Board needs to approve items on your wish lists that involve money.
- We continue to encourage growth at the 8:45 service. Eventually, we would like to have Sunday School during the first service.

Ministry and Service:

- Envelopes for One Great Hour of Sharing and a cover letter will be mailed to the congregation.
- We are going to collect food for Big Sunday at Ralphs and Gelsen's in Irvine On May 1 and 2.
- There is a program which helps foster children find and reconnect with relatives and neighbors. The M & S Committee will be discussing how to help with this program.

Fellowship:

- April 17 at 6:30 will be the All Church Game Night.
- We have 3 hosts and 20 guests signed up for the next Bon Vivant.

New Member Development:

- Everything is going well. The new people have been matched up.
- Some guides are raring to go, but don't have a new member yet.
- Please let Brian know about new people who can benefit from a guide.

Please submit your annual reports for the spring congregational meeting to Michael by May 10.

Worship:

- We had about 85 people attend the Ash Wednesday service.
- We have new banners for Easter.
- Lesley needs someone to sell Easter Lillies.
- She also needs people to set up for Maundy Thursday and for Easter.
- Paul will help Lesley explore the possibility of forming a committee
- We will probably have a training session for worship leaders this summer.

Congregational Care:

- See written report.
- The family was very grateful for all the church did to help with the memorial service for Carolyn Stanton.

Hospitality:

- Teri had success by recruiting on the phone for help with the potluck.
- Because March 28 is Palm Sunday and a blood drive, we will have cake on the patio instead of a potluck for new members.

Outreach:

- Ads have been placed in the New U for our Lenten Series, our generic ad, and an ad for the Peace Vigil.
- The Peace Vigil will be at 6:30 on Sunday, March 21.
- April 10 is the Great American Write-In.
- The price for a booth at the AIDS Walk has gone up to \$350. We will have our own booth.
- We would like to be a gold sponsor (\$500) for the August 14th Gay Pride event. Outreach can fund half the cost. Don will take this to the Administrative Board to ask how the other half might be funded.

Advocates for Peace and Justice:

- See written report.
- On April 10, we may show a film about Darfur and have some Sudanese refugees from San Diego in attendance.
- They would like to show a video put out by the National Religious Coalition Against Torture. It has been difficult to find a time to do this.
- Should we organize something in response to The Exodus group, which tries to “reprogram” gay people? They are meeting at Concordia College in Irvine this June. Paul will call Soul Force and the LGBT Center in Irvine to ask about this.

Historian:

- See written report.
- Suellen shared twenty new pages in the scrapbook.
- The directory will be ready in four to five weeks.

Let Don know if you plan to continue in your current position.

Be sure to get your flyer about your ministry to Brian.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10, and Elizabeth led us in a closing prayer.