

**IUCC Ministries Board Meeting minutes  
November 9, 2009**

**Present:** Paul Tellstrom, Pastor  
Michael Spindle, Administrator  
Kathi Smith, Clerk  
Suellen Rowe, Historian  
Brian Percy, Fellowship  
Shirley Lorenz, Cong. Care  
Felicity Figueroa, Outreach  
Zach Haynes, Youth Rep.

Robinmarie McClement, CE Director  
Don Bjorklund, Chair  
Keith Boyum, Moderator  
David Smith, Adv. for P & J  
Karl Schiller, M & S  
Randy Romine, Cong. Part.  
Lesley Wheland, Worship

**Absent:** Teri Olson, Hospitality  
Jennifer Bullington, CE Comm.

Connie Jones, Music

**Guests:** Rachel Dill  
Suzie Feick

**Documents received at the meeting:** Moderator's Report to the Ministries Board, artist's sketches, Congregational Care Report for October, calendars, CE Report for November, Minister's Report, 2009 Average Church Attendance

**The meeting was called to order at 7:05.**

**The Minutes from October 12, 2009, were approved as corrected.**

**Minister's Report:**

- See written report.
- Attendance at the first service is growing. Attendance at the second service is approaching capacity.
- Paul showed the group Jeff Tortorelli's designs for the pulpit, altar, and back wall. The designs complement the lines and designs of the dome. The mountains on the back wall suggest the Sermon on the Mount. Paul suggests that we start with the pulpit, which will be partially paid for by undesignated memorial money. The board members discussed these ideas and gave their input.
- We have been asked to host an event with the synagogue on Wednesday, Dec. 2. The speaker would be Ambassador Edward Perkins. The consensus was that we have too much going on in December and should pass up this opportunity.

**Youth Representative:**

- Zach reported that our average attendance is 4-8 people in grades 4-6, and 5-9 people in the 7th grade and up group. When we have visitors, we have about 10 kids per class.
- There has been good interest in youth events.
- Youth Sunday went very well.

**CE Report:**

- See written report.
- Robinmarie will be in contact with Church of the Foothills so that we don't have conflicting events in the future.
- A representative from Habitat for Humanity in Orange County will give a five minute presentation as part of the AI Staggs event.
- There will be four young people in our confirmation class.

**Moderator's Report:**

- See written report.
- January 24 will be our congregational meeting, so get your budgets in ASAP.
- We have \$304,000 so far with 100 pledges in. Our goal is \$390,000.
- We discussed the pros and cons of the letter requesting that members increase their pledges.
- We have a task force on children, youth, young adults, and young families at work to help Elizabeth envision and sketch plans to a wider ministry to these groups.

**Congregational Care:**

- See written report.
- Shirley suggests we send CDs of our services to friends, etc.
- There are quite a few new members in the shawl ministry.
- The Huffaker Memorial will be on December 5.
- Shirley would like suggestions of any people in our congregation who are in particular need this holiday season.
- The youth will do caroling and take cookies to some members on December 20.
- Shirley thanked everyone for their work on the ordination.

**Hospitality:**

- Rachel Dill asked the board's opinion about using eco-friendly cups instead of styrofoam cups. The eco-friendly cups are much more expensive than the styrofoam. We decided to post an article in the newsletter asking for donations so that we may continue to use the eco-friendly cups. We continue to use fair trade coffee.

**Worship:**

- Our Thanksgiving service will be at the University Synagogue.
- Advent begins on November 29. Leslie has had difficulty recruiting volunteers to decorate on November 28, and also needs help with preparation for the Christmas Eve service.
- It was suggested that the tables be moved toward Plumer Hall to make the kiosk more visible.

**Historian:**

- Suellen has been busily working on the church directory.
- Elizabeth will have a formal photo taken for the directory.

**Music:**

- Suzie Feick reported that the Winter Solstice Concert rehearsals are coming along well.
- The music committee has concerns about the salary for the new music director. Should it be increased?
- Tina and the choir have a very good working relationship.
- The music committee wrote hand-written thank you notes for donations to Rob's gift.
- John Alexander expects to finish the commissioned composition in March, 2010.

**Fellowship:**

- Brian reported that there are about 30 people so far signed up for the Anniversary Party.
- The Bon Vivants will continue through the holidays. There were two hosts in October with 17 attendees, and one host in November with 9 people participating.
- Susan Sims is trying to organize family Bon Vivants, including children. She is calling them "Baby Bon Vivants."

**Congregational Participation:**

- Randy reported on the inclusion and participation of our four newest members.
- There will be 8 or 9 people joining on November 22. There will be special cakes instead of a potluck.
- Shirley suggested that when we get our new directory, we have one at the board meeting to help us connect faces with names. Suellen will bring photos of new people to help out as well.

**Ministry and Service:**

- We will be providing gifts for abused and neglected children through CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). This will replace Project Love, which is no longer in operation. The drive will continue through Dec. 6.
- The International Sanctuary Group will be here on Nov. 22 and Dec. 13 to sell handmade arts. This organization rescues young women from sexual slavery and helps them become independent.
- Second Harvest and Families Forward food drives will continue until January. Food pantries are very low.
- The Heifer Project will begin collecting donations on Nov. 22.

**Advocates for Peace and Justice:**

- About 150 people attended the Carl Wilkens event. Dave thanked Shirley for the reception.
- This month's topic is Afghanistan. On Wednesday's Journey, a movie called *Rethink Afghanistan* will be shown with a panel discussion following. On November 22, *View From a Grain of Sand* will be shown. This documentary follows the lives of three Afghan women and is interspersed with the history of Afghanistan. The filmmaker will be attending to speak and answer questions. Her fee is \$150.00.

- We will be participating in an Amnesty International write-a-thon.
- We will be doing something for World Aids Day.
- Dave attended a workshop in San Diego on October 31 entitled “Be a Global Mission Church.” This was a joint DOC/UCC event.

**Outreach:**

- The AI Staggs event has been advertised in the University paper as well as the Register and Irvine World News.
- Felicity placed an ad in the University paper announcing our new associate pastor, Elizabeth.
- We placed an ad in the program for the annual banquet of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR).
- Felicity thanked Brian for his participation in the Walk for Hope.
- We are collecting toiletries and personal items for women in prison.

**Old Business:** See Brian if you are interested in becoming a mentor for a new member.

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:07, and Paul led us in a closing prayer.**