

IUCC MINISTRIES BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 2014

Officers of the Church present:

- Chair of the Ministries Board, Dawn Price
- Moderator, Anne Rosse
- Acting Ministries Board Clerk, Tricia Aynes

Ministry and Committee Chairs present:

- Chair of Mission & Service, Felicity Figueroa
- Chair of Advocates for Peace & Justice, Howard Emery
- Chair of Stephen Ministry, Dave Schofield
- Chair of Fellowship, Alyssa Cornett
- Co-Chair of Congregational Care, Janet Emery
- Chair of Young People's Ministry, Meredith Anderson
- Chair of Adult Education, Jim Aynes
- Chair of Outreach, Chris Goodrich
- Chair of Hospitality, Pat Sauter

Staff present:

- Paul Tellström, Senior Pastor
- Sarah Fiske-Phillips, Director of Ministry for Young People
- Matthew Redrich, Interim Adult Education and Media Director

Visitors present: Tommie Kozlov

Call to Order

Dawn Price called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Meredith Anderson led the opening prayer/meditation, which was the verse from "How do I keep from singing." Felicity Figueroa will do the prayer/meditation for our next meeting, which will be January 12, 2015.

Announcement

The Leadership Holiday Party on December 8, 2014 will serve in lieu of a December Ministries Board meeting. The gathering will be at Dawn's house in Orange (409 N. Shaffer, Orange) at 7 p.m.

Minutes

Minutes from the October 13, 2014 meeting were approved as submitted (moved by Felicity Figueroa, seconded by Jim Aynes – motion passed unanimously).

I. Calendar

- Nov. 30 Mission & Service Meeting after second service (changed from usual 1st Sunday)
- Dec. 8 TIO meeting 1 p.m. in Plumer Hall
- Dec. 14 2-9:30 p.m. Choir event and reception in Plumer Hall
- Jan. 18 Remove By-laws forum and replace with Congregational Growth & Vitality Group mtg.
- Jan 24 January Winter Party in Plumer Hall (Las Vegas theme)
- Feb. 7 All Church Game Night
- Feb. 8 or 15 Pencil in Rachel Hall-Evans for evolutionary speaker

- Feb. 15 Mission & Service & Advocates are planning a large immigration event
- April 5 Easter/Reception of new members; Fellowship will do coffee hour in lieu of brunch

Discussion regarding joint Thanksgiving service with synagogue on Nov. 25

We are expecting about 200 people to attend and will need help with the reception after the Thanksgiving service. The synagogue has requested that we keep kosher if possible. We will need nuts, fruit, cheese, crackers, desserts, and wine. No shrimp, pork, or ham. There was some confusion as to which ministry (or ministries) would be in charge. Pat Sauter will create a sign-up sheet for coffee hour; Tommie will set up the room; Paul will ask Michael to put a request for food items in the Friday e-blast; Chris will do outreach. Pastor Paul and Matthew have had some difficulty communicating with our guest speaker, so Felicity will assist.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Paul distributed his written report, which included the following highlights: (1) There was an extensive staff meeting last week, and planning has been done through Jan. 4. (2) We could use some help in finding families for the Advent Candle lighting as well as the Advent Workshop in December. Anyone interested should talk to Sarah. Non-traditional families are especially welcome to participate. (3) Our Sunday attendance is slowly rising, and first service appears to be gaining in momentum; the communal coffee hour is working well. (4) Matthew is scheduling members of the congregation to give their "last lecture" at adult Sunday school. (5) We are working on a video to show highlights of the global mission trip to Japan.

Additional Staff Reports

Sarah Fiske-Phillips reported the following: (1) The Advent Workshop is scheduled for December 7 from 4-7 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring a side dish, a dessert, or a drink to share. Bring your best chili for the competition! (2) Various youth Christmas pageants are scheduled. (3) We hired a new child care attendant. Her name is Amanda, and she starts Sunday.

Matthew Redrich reported the following: (1) The Jesus Seminar on the Road people are scheduled for March 27-28, 2015. They will be speaking on the New Testament canon. We may or may not have them available for worship. (2) Most of his adult Sunday school lecture spots have been filled, with Keith Boyum this coming Sunday, Teri LePage the following Sunday, and Lorraine Fox and Francesca Carson on December 7 and 14, respectively. (3) There has been some controversy surrounding the proposed By-law changes regarding what it means to be a member of IUCC – we want to be inclusive, yet maintain our Christian identity. We will be proceeding cautiously with a lot of education and thoughtful discussion. Because of this, we will not be asking for a vote at the Congregational Meeting in January.

Moderator's Report

Anne Rosse thanked everyone for participating in yesterday's All Church Work Day and said we got a lot accomplished. We also got lots of pledge cards yesterday.

Ministries Board Chair's Report

Dawn reported that Worship Committee Chair Jen Mirmak will be stepping away from her position for a while. We will need a team to handle these responsibilities. Leslie Whelan has agreed to step up and keep things running but will not have time to attend board meetings. We wish Jen well and will welcome her back when she is ready.

Additions to Ministry Reports

- Felicity announced that Mission & Service will host two events on Dec. 14: Write 4 Rights (a program of Amnesty International) will collect signatures; and (2) Third World Crafts will sell items on the patio.

- Alyssa announced that the January 24 party will be called “Casino Night – Viva Las Vegas” and will be feature gaming supplies from a casino game company. We will sell raffle tickets. Food will be provided by Stonefire Grill catering. The event will be in Plumer Hall.

Old Business

- Dawn needs corporate member lists from all the ministries. She is only missing hospitality and worship ministries.
- The Adult Ed Ministry Report was inadvertently left out of the packets, so hard copies were distributed.
- Dawn asked ministries to look at their budgets to see what expenses can be deferred to after July 1, 2015. Please contact Mark or Dawn for assistance with this task.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

Pastor Paul gave the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

The next Ministries Board meeting will be January 12, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tricia Aynes, Acting Clerk