

Irvine United Congregational Church  
Winter Congregational Meeting Minutes  
January 15, 2012

Moderator Keith Boyum called the meeting to order at 12:06 PM. Renae Boyum, who had staffed a table to check in members, confirmed there was a quorum present. Senior Pastor Paul Tellstrom led the congregation in an opening prayer.

Doug Haynes moved to approve the agenda. Felicity Figueroa seconded. The Moderator called for motions to amend the agenda. There were none. The agenda was approved by voice vote.

Constance Cassidy moved to approve the minutes from the May 2011 Congregation Meeting. The motion was seconded by Frank Larkin and approved via voice vote.

Approval of New Congregational Leaders

Don Bjorklund moved and Judy Lucas seconded to approve Bonnie Shaffstall as Clerk, Ministries Board. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Jennie Merrimack and Susie Lang seconded to approve Lindy Garber as Chair, Fellowship Ministry. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Building Task Force Report.

Moderator Keith Boyum asked Cindy O'Dell to act as chair of the meeting for this item. Ms. O'Dell took the chair.

Keith Boyum moved to approve the report and to approve the motion as written in the packet. Constance Cassidy seconded. A question was raised as to whether this should be one or two motions. Upon the advice of the parliamentarian, chair O'Dell ruled that one motion was acceptable. Keith Boyum discussed the activities of the Building Task Force and how the Task Force's recommendations were reached. The report includes recommendations for multiple building phases, to be constructed over several years.

Keith noted that the proposed 2012 budget before the Congregation included an expenditure of \$7,000 for a consultant to conduct a fund-raising feasibility study. He stated that no further action would be taken with Congregational approval.

Comments were solicited from the Congregation. Members of the Administrative Board and the Task Force discussed their views. Doreen Smith noted a small correction to the Task Force Report in that the Early Childhood Center had not yet decided what to do with the lunch program once it lost in-house kitchen facilities.

Cindy O'Dell called for a vote on the motion. She asked if there were any calls for secret ballot. Hearing none, she proceeded with a voice vote. The Congregation approved the motion by voice vote.

Ms. O'Dell relinquished the chair to the Moderator.

#### Treasurer's Report

Greg Guth discussed the church's 2011 financial statements. The budget for 2011 projected a loss of \$7,000 but the actual loss was only \$4,084. The Early Childcare Center also did better than expected, with a net income of \$48,476. Greg stated that the church had a large loss after the first three quarters, but recovered in the fourth quarter because several members gave special gifts in December. The church's financial reserves are healthy.

Greg solicited comments and questions from the congregation. Sue Ellen Rowe noted that part of the financial recovery came from reduced discretionary spending by the ministries. Greg agreed. David Karsten asked a question about pledged contributions and Greg agreed there had been a shortfall in 2011. A question was asked about the budgeted pledged contributions received versus expected for 2011. The 2011 budgeted amount of \$410,000 was higher than actual pledges received of \$393,000.

#### Approval of 2012 Congregational Budgets

Cindy O'Dell moved that the ECC 2012 budget be accepted as submitted, and that the IUCC 2012 budget be accepted as submitted. Renae Boyum seconded. Moderator Keith Boyum called for discussion/questions. Greg Guth led the congregation through the 2012 budgets. Greg discussed the three individual items related to the transfers from congregation reserves. He also noted that, in a departure from the practice for the previous three years, funds received from the rental of our parking spaces to the Woodbridge Center (\$8,000) would be taken to general income and not put into a capital improvements reserve. Nick Sanders asked for a comparison of 2012 budgeted planned contributions to actual stewardship campaign results. Renae Boyum said results to date were \$391,000 versus \$405,000 budgeted, but noted that new members typically pledged upon membership. Donna Picard queried ECC payroll costs versus total budget, noting that the figure seemed low. In response, Doreen Smith provided salary and hourly wage details for the ECC staff.

Moderator Boyum called for a vote on the motion to approve both the general fund budget for the congregation, and the budget for the Child Care Center. The budgets were adopted by a voice vote of the congregation.

The congregation thanked Greg Guth for his efforts.

### State of the Church

Sr. Pastor Paul Tellstrom expressed his gratitude for being given the opportunity to serve this congregation. He noted that the church has grown and asked the congregation Leaders to stand and be recognized. In addition, church staff members were asked to stand and be recognized by the congregation.

Paul commented on the Stephen Ministry, Adult Education events, and the Youth Ministry. He discussed Bread for the Journey and its evolution into a ministry for young adults. He commented on the strength of our music ministry and the congregation thanked Director of Music John St. Marie and Accompanist David Clemensen. Pastor Tellstrom commented on program initiatives such as Family Promise and the Comma Groups. The congregation thanked Doreen Smith for her efforts with the Early Childhood Center. Looking forward, Paul commented that future changes and program expansions should be expected, as IUCC pursues its mission and vision.

Paul provided a status on his (and Pastor Elizabeth's) activities outside of the church. He invited questions/comments from the congregation. There were none. Keith thanked Paul for his report.

### Adjournment

The Moderator called for a motion to adjourn. Felicity moved and Don Bjorklund seconded. The motion to adjourn was adopted.

Associate Pastor Elizabeth Griswold offered a closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Sanders  
Clerk, Administration Board