

IUCC Ministries Board Meeting Minutes for April 13, 2020

Officers present: Felicity Figueroa, chair Ministries Board; Renae Boyum, moderator; and Peggy Goetz, clerk Ministries Board

Ministry and committee chairs present: Steve Goetz, Mission and Service; Janet Johnson, Stephen Ministries; Eduardo Arismendi-Pardi, Adult Education; Alex Ingal, Hospitality; Pat Sauter, Music; Cindy O'Dell, Communication and Media; Cheryl Trobiani, Deacons; Tommie Kozlov, Membership; Dave Smith, Advocates for Peace and Justice; Lauren Louie, Ministry with Young People; Cheryl Arismendi and Lorraine Fox, Congregational Care; August Lobato, Fellowship.

Staff present: Dave Pattee, Interim Senior Pastor; Steve Swope, Administrative Pastor; David Perez, Ministry with Young People.

Visitors: Tricia Aynes, Lesli Mitchell, Teri Houston.

Meeting called to order online at Zoom at 7:02 p.m. by Felicity Figueroa, Ministries Board chair. Blessings were asked for those who have had Coronavirus.

Minutes for March 9 meeting were approved as corrected. Moved by Lorraine Fox, seconded by Pat Sauter.

Reports were submitted electronically and are attached.

Mission and Service, Steve Goetz reporting. Randy Romine will visit Las Memorias in Mexico near the end of May and take a donation from the church.

Meals for Isaiah House have been suspended until at least June.

Family Promise: congregation donated about \$5,200 to house families in a hotel rather than at the church. Next possible hosting will be in September and challenges remain, like disposal of gray water. Any unspent money will be saved for future hosting.

Virtual Coffee Time: Felicity Figueroa reported that Terry LePage is hosting an online coffee hour on Zoom. Alex Ingal will discuss this with Terry and Steve Swope will send out link and password in Friday emails. Cindy O'Dell said that link and password can remain the same for ongoing meetings. Alex said that once services at the church resume, coffee time will be beverages only until further notice. Discussion followed.

Fellowship: August Lobato reported that he has not made a reservation for the scheduled Sept. 20 Church Picnic as he did not know about refunds. Discussion followed and general agreement was to hold off for now.

Budgeting: Renae Boyum reported that the church has applied for a loan of \$95,000 to continue paying staff and cover ongoing expenses. She does not know yet when we will know. If the money is spent, it will become a grant. Steve Swope said our insurance will also provide about \$25,000 to cover losses due to closing the preschool. Mortgage payments have also been delayed for about 60 days.

Advocates for Peace and Justice has not been meeting, according to Dave Smith.

Diversity and Inclusion Task Force will invite speaker Rev. Yvette Flunder for May 3 at 12:30 or 1 pm. Steve Goetz said he can reschedule his Mission and Service meeting.

Volunteer Needs: Discussion about providing facemasks to those who need them. Steve Goetz will coordinate the efforts and be the contact person. Cheryl Trobiani will bring 50 masks to the church tomorrow for immediate distribution. Discussion of sources followed.

Pastor Report: David Pattee complimented the congregation for its response to the Coronavirus emergency. He hopes people will remember the leadership, communication, adaptability and focus when other crises arise.

One idea for the Sunday after Easter is to have a Holy Humor Sunday. Anyone interested in contributing should contact Pastor Pattee.

David Perez has been hired as Youth Minister and has made a good start.

Pastor Pattee warned people that he is being impersonated in e-mail and no one should take

seriously any request for money. Call Pastor Pattee about any requests received.

Youth Ministries Report given by David Perez. At the forefront is trying to plan ways to make the year special for graduating seniors. Discussion followed.

Old Business: The AIDS Walk will be virtual and will last from April 1 until May 30. The church will have a team, but more members need to sign up. Requests for health services at Radiant Health Centers have increased because of COVID-19, so more volunteers, drivers, food and monetary donations are needed.

New Business: Janet Johnson of the Stephen Ministries reported they have a team of about 15 people to survey all members and frequent visitors. Cheryl Trobiani will collate the data. Help that may be needed includes transportation, grocery shopping, telephone calls, and technology help. Discussion followed and several volunteered to help.

Miscellaneous: Felicity Figueroa reminded everyone to fill out the US Census questionnaire.

Spring Congregational Meeting: Renae Boyum asked that the meeting be moved from May 17 to June 28. This had already been approved by the Administration Board. Motion by Cheryl Arismendi and seconded by Cindy O'Dell. Approved unanimously.

Search for new pastor: Tricia Aynes reported that the committee has four finalists who they are currently interviewing individually. References have been checked. Exact procedure has not been decided upon.

Newport-Mesa-Irvine Interfaith Council will hold a Zoom meeting April 15 at noon, according to Felicity Figueroa.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm. Moved by Dave Smith and seconded by Janet Johnson. With special concern for those who have lost family and others to the Coronavirus, Pastor Pattee offered a prayer.