

**Irvine United Congregational Church
Congregational Meeting
June 28, 2020**

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 12:33 pm by Moderator Renae Boyum. She introduced Administrative Pastor Steve Swope who would be host for this electronic Zoom meeting. He explained the electronic voting process.

Quorum Established: Steve Swope said a quorum of more than 120 members attending was established, with 80 needed for a quorum.

Pastor Dave Pattee offered an opening prayer.

Agenda: Tricia Aynes moved to amend the agenda with the addition of three motions. Second by Dorothy Duncan . Motion passed, with votes of 103 yes and 1 no.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the Feb. 9, 2020, Congregational Meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: David Carruthers and Mark Allen presented the highlights of the treasurer's report with details available to attached meeting packet. The church has been financially challenged with the pandemic closure of the preschool and on-campus services and meetings, but both think these challenges can be met. Questions and discussion followed.

Reports: Written reports from ministries and committees are in the meeting packet. Reports were accepted. There were no questions.

Paycheck Protection Loan: Mark Allen moved approval of a Paycheck Protection Loan of \$96,000 from PacWest Bank. David Carruthers seconded the motion. When used for paychecks and utilities the government will forgive the loan, making it essentially free money. Discussion followed. Motion passed.

Bylaws Amendments: Bylaws amendments require a 2/3 vote for approval.

1. Mark Allen moved adoption of a bylaws amendment that would allow congregational meetings via electronic means. Second by Daniel Blackburn. Motion approved by unanimous vote. (146 yes)
2. Mark Allen moved adoption of bylaws amendment that would provide indemnification of officers, agents, employees and members of the congregation. Second by Daniel Blackburn. Motion passed with vote of 145 yes to 1 no.

Election of Leadership: Felicity Figueroa moved election of leadership slate for 2020-2021 as listed in the meeting packet. Terms of office will begin July 1, 2020. Nominating Committee was composed of Renae Boyum, Felicity Figueroa, Daniel

Blackburn, Tommie Kozlov, Randy Romine and Pastor David Pattee. Motion passed with unanimous vote.

Retiring officers were thanked. New Moderator Trish Aynes spoke and presented Renae Boyum with a plaque as well as support cards and notes from the congregation.

Call for new Permanent Pastor: Keith Boyum moved to extend a call to the Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano. Aiden Mitchell seconded the motion. Search Committee members were Chair Keith Boyum, Vice Chair Aidan Mitchell, Eduardo Arismendi-Pardi, Tricia Aynes, Connie Jones, Craig Tyrl, and Ken Wyant. Keith Boyum spoke in support of the motion, as did Lesli Mitchell of the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force. Motion passed with vote of 145 yes and 6 no.

Steve Swope put in a call to Pastor Sarah Halverson-Cano. She introduced her family and offered words of thanks and optimism about the future of the church.

Adjournment: Dave Smith moved the meeting be adjourned at 2:06 pm. Motion seconded and unanimously approved.