Ministry Board Minutes

In attendance: Felicity Figueroa, Jenna McCarty, Matt Mirmack, Craig Tyrl, Steve Goetz, Cindy O'dell, Brian Pearcy-Schofield, Janet Johnson, Cheryl Arismendi, Eduardo Arismendi-Pardi, Lorraine Fox, Alex Ingal, Chuck Heath, Karolyn Fencl, Pat Sauter, David Perez, Pastor Steve Swope, Tricia Aynes, Renee Boyum, Shanthi Natraj

7:07 Felicity Figueroa calls meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

7:08 Approval of August minutes
    Motion: Cheryl Arismendi
    Second: Lorraine Fox
    All in favor: unanimous

Inspirational Thoughts / Moments of Gratitude

7:10 Renee Boyum
    Shares a choir video from the 6/28/20 service: “In the Midst of New Dimensions”

7:13 Chuck Heath
    Shares screen: “What We’ve Accomplished as a Faith Community”
    - Worship every Sunday since March
    - Zoom Coffee Hours every Sunday
    - Regular Meetings and Admin Board meetings
    - Ongoing Adult Ed. Opportunities
    - Regular meetings of Diversity & Inclusion Task Force, Advocates and Mission & Service Ministries, and Green Faith Committee
    - Reopening of the Child Care Center
    - Women’s Groups and Comma Groups
    - Congregation-wide check in calls
7:16  Tricia Aynes
Preschool is open, but attendance is down; currently serving half. Costs are exceeding income right now. Thankful that the donations and reserves are keeping it going, but this spending is not sustainable.

7:17  Renae Boyum
Shares screen: “What Elected Leaders Can Do”
- Continue to give of your tie and talents
- Increase your pledge for 2021 by at least 15%
- Share your story with others
- Continue to support and care for each other
Renae will follow up with an email in a week.

Ministry Board Reports

7:22  Brian Pearcy-Schofield
Playing a lot of phone/email-tag. Haven’t actually met yet.

7:23  Jenna McCarty
Inquiring about moving forward with the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force. Felicity advises that they finish their work with developing the Mission Statement, etc. Both Boards will vote, then the Congregation will vote at the Winter Meeting.

7:25  Matt Mirmack
September is National Recovery Month. Substituting terms like alcoholic and addiction because of the stigma. Panel discussion including mothers and children.

7:27  Jenna McCarty

7:29  Steve Goetz
Discussing new IUCC outreach: OC Human Trafficking Task Force.

7:30  Pat Sauter
Asks Renae if we are doing Stewardship Campaign budgets. Pastor Steve says we’re waiting for Mark Allen. Points out that we’re losing money with the preschool budget; our biggest concern because the preschool is 20-25% of our
budget. Stephen Amie leaving October 27. Brianna will be leaving soon as well. Chris is working on replacements from schools. Choir is still having their Thursday night check-ins.

7:34 Eduardo Arismendi-Pardi
Announces a new fellowship group for working people to discuss issues related to work on October 10, 10:30-11:45am. All are welcome.

Volunteer Needs

7:35 Janet Johnson
Needs volunteers for phone calls; especially important for people living alone. Need help for an elderly member who is moving and needs help cleaning out and organizing; potential donations.

Pastor Report

Pastor Dave is not in attendance

Staff Report

7:40 MYP: David Perez is not in attendance. Pastor Steve shares that weekly youth programs are beginning October 4; check ICCC email (MYP monthly report). Shanthi adds that they are all virtual activities. Trunk-or-Treat planned for October 25.

Calendar Additions

7:41 Felicity reminds us to please check the calendar and consult with Pastor Steve before making additions.

Old Business

7:41 Janet Johnson
Thanks the phone call check-in volunteers. Most people in the congregation are doing well. The majority have kept busy. Everyone seems to appreciate the call, and some conversations are lengthy. For people they cannot get ahold of, they will leave two messages and move on. Janet will compile a list of specifics for Pastor Dave.

New Business
7:45 There is no new business

Miscellaneous Business or Announcements

7:45 Felicity Figueroa
   Email sent out about Newport Mesa Irvine Interfaith Council: “Managing Grief in Pandemic, Wednesday September 16 at noon featuring Becky Lomaka.

7:47 Pat Sauter
   Choir inquiry for Thanksgiving service. Pastor Steve states it will be virtual on Friday November 20 at 7pm, but still working out details with Pastor Sarah and Rabbi Arnie. Information on University Synagogue and IUCC Calendar.

7:49 Matt Mirmack
   Proud to welcome first Eagle Scout into Troop 602.

Adjournment

7:51 Eduardo Arimendi-Pardi
   Move to adjourn
   Brian Pearcy-Schofield seconds motion

Closing prayer

7:52 Steve Swope
   Closing Prayer

7:53 Meeting adjourned