

IUCC Ministry Board
Monday, September 13, 2021 @ 7:00pm
Meeting via Zoom

Ministry Board Minutes

In attendance: Felicity Figueroa, Tricia Aynes, Pastor Sarah Halverson-Cano, Pastor Steve Swope, Karolyn Fencl, Cindy O'Dell, Eduardo Arismendi-Pardi, Steve Goetz, Cheryl Trobiani, Diane Rust, Kathi Smith, Craig Repp, Cheryl Arismendi, Jeanne Maag, Lauren Louie, Renee Boyum.

7:08 Felicity calls meeting to order.

Inspirational Thoughts / Moments of Gratitude

7:10 Pastor Sarah grateful for the in-person attendance.
Lauren (in chat): grateful for the help with Spirit Day.

Approval of Minutes

7:07 Approval of August minutes
Motion: Eduardo
Second: Steve G.
All in Favor: unanimous

Ministry Board Reports

7:11 Steve G: after the Ministries Fair, Sharon sent a follow-up email to those who have signed up for Mission and Service. Felicity agrees that's a best practice, as the follow-up has sometimes been a problem in the past.

Ministry Spotlight:

7:13 Advocates for Peace and Justice – Craig Repp
Craig and Mary have been at IUCC for 2.5 years, and been impressed with IUCC's transparency: bylaws, budgets, roles, minutes, etc. A key part of Advocate's role is to engage the Congregation in signing petitions, sending letters, reviewing public policy issues, and engage in activities. Wants to create

an action table to inform and involve the Congregation in social justice issues to align with progressive Christianity. Reclaim the term “Christian”. Support and encourage other groups; for example, he’s currently working with Steve G on Mission and Service projects.

Volunteer Needs

7:27 Pastor Steve: wants people to learn and help with the new soundboard.
Lauren: looking for people to help with occasional visiting babies.

Pastor Report

7:30 Pastor Sarah: great attendance for the Ministries Fair, and happy everyone showcased their Ministries. Thankful for those who have been delivering care packs to stay-home members. Does have more that need to be delivered; looking for volunteers.

Staff Report

7:36 Pastor Steve: thankful for the new composter. Wants to make sure everyone gets signed up for Comma Groups, and attend Angelica Rowell’s Evolution of Black Music program. Felicity asks for it to be recorded for people who aren’t able to attend.

Old Business

7:39 Ministries Fair feedback: needing to be outdoors was hard because it was so hot. Renee announces that there is progress on the patio cover; maybe later this year.
Eduardo: took a survey about Adult Program classes regarding times, length of time, and whether or not in-person. Considering hybrid.
Felicity: reminder that Budgets are due to Heidi ASAP.

New Business

7:43 Felicity: Membership needs support with greeting visitors, keeping the info current, and organizing the two classes for membership. Reminds us that everyone should be reaching out to welcome new people. Sarah would love an

assistant to stand near her and help to greet and connect new people to info, programs, etc. Deacons can be assigned as greeter.

Renee: Stewardship Campaign, Refresh, Reboot, and Renew in 2022. A church requires time, talent, and treasure to function. Asking leaders to be the first to make a financial commitment. Last year between the Admin and Ministries Boards, \$125,000 was pledged of the total \$428,000 contributions. Looking for ideas, suggestions for programs, and ways to energize the Congregation. Please respond to the September 21st email with your pledge by October 4th. Renee promises to be professionally persistent and respectfully relentless about pledges.

Felicity: anyone is welcome to attend the Admin and Ministries Board meetings.

Miscellaneous Business and Announcements

7:58 Felicity: NMIIC September meeting features three mayors, including Irvine's Farrah Khan. Next Saturday is the 35th Annual AIDS Walk. Even if you cannot attend, you can make donations to the walk team until September 30th. As a team, we are in 4th place for funds raised. IUCC has been involved for 30 years. International Day of Peace Rally, Sept 21st at South Coast Plaza.

Adjournment

8:03 Motion: Eduardo
Second: Craig R.
All in favor: Unanimous

Closing prayer

8:03 Pastor Sarah