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, Kathi Smith, Craig Repp, Alex Ingal, Sharon Lynn, Jenna McCarty, Cheryl Trobiani, Lauren Louie.

7:08 Felicity calls meeting to order.

Inspirational Thoughts / Moments of Gratitude

7:09 Lauren: grateful that IUCC promotes programs.
Kathi: grateful she got her booster shot this morning.
Pastor Steve: grateful that Mary is retiring in less than two weeks.
Karolyn: grateful she finally met Felicity after all of this time.
Eduardo: grateful he is retiring in 40 days.

Approval of Minutes

7:12 Approval of October minutes
Motion: Eduardo
Second: Craig
All in Favor: unanimous

Ministry Board Reports

7:12 Sharon: Family Promise requiring all participants to be vaccinated. IUCC previously wanting to host Easter in April, but now pushing it back to the first two weeks in May. Conducting an offering for Family Promise; Tricia verifies that they need to fill out a form from the Admin Board.
Steve G: Concern America selling crafts December 5th. The form is not necessary, as the money is being raised for Concern America, not IUCC. Mission and Service enjoyed supplementing the work Lauren is doing assembling hygiene kits with the kids.
Felicity: Housing is a Human Right. Second Tue of every month at 12:15pm, online service honoring people who have lost their lives on the street; about 33 per month. Information provided by the Coroner: name, date and place of death. Inclusive prayers offered and online fundraising to help unhoused. Suggests helping with the fundraising during coffee hour. Craig mentions that the Interfaith Council in South OC
does an annual “Longest Night Vigil” on Dec 21st, in which they read the names of all of those who have perished on the street. Felicity says there is one for North OC as well. Numbers are already exceeding previous years. Isaiah House is no longer accepting clothing, but Housing is a Human Right will.

7:24    Ministry Spotlight: Communications.

   Cindy: Bylaws state using print, online, other media, and personal interaction to let the community know who we are and what we do. Collaborate with technology committee, advertising, public relations, photographic records of activities, and Monthly Newsletter. Duties also include maintaining website weekly, sharing stories to Facebook and Instagram, receiving info from Ministries to share, promoting Child Care Center, and posting Sunday services to website. Alex is co-chair, Tricia helps with Monthly Newsletter, and Pastor Steve does weekly emails. Challenges include getting Ministries to get their info to her to share, and the diminishing local/city/county publications. Would like the help of a young person to interact with Snapchat. (Screen share) scrolls through website and shows M-Board what is featured and how to navigate it, as well as different Facebook groups and how to post. Notes that demographics are different for the various platforms. Encourages everyone to share more content, include pictures, and post frequently to appear in people’s Timelines.

   Felicity: suggests keeping a list of passwords in the church office to make sure that access to sites are not lost during change of leadership, etc.

Volunteer Needs

7:44    Pastor Steve: needs 3 people regularly for the Tech Booth. Looking for volunteers that can be trained and will commit to both services.
   Alex: Deacons need more volunteers, and food donations are needed for Coffee Hour.
   Pastor Sarah: door-to-door advertising for our Child Care Center, and upcoming Christmas events.
   Lauren: help with Advent Workshop and the Pageant. Chili cook-off still pending some planning and decisions.

Pastor Report

7:52    Pastor Sarah: Pledge season, needs the church Leadership to participate 100% and demonstrate their commitment to the church (Time, Talent, Treasure). The preschool has not completely bounced back (is only at less than two-thirds capacity), and it has hit IUCC hard financially. Dec 5th Communion Sunday, Advent Workshop beginning at 3:00pm, crafts and gifts, “snow day” sledding, and choir at 7pm. Needs help with bales of hay and a truck.
Staff Report

8:02 Pastor Steve: updates M-Board on patio cover construction status. Tracking attendance, the 9-week average for the single service was 58.67 people, and the 9-week average with two services is 115.78. Pacific Ballet Theater featuring The Nutcracker Dec. 4th and 5th at Coast Hills Church in Aliso Viejo. Bill and Sarah Wall’s daughter, Eliza, is dancing. Pastor Steve will be in Northwood High School’s production of The Nutcracker Dec. 17-19th.

Old Business

8:07 Pastor Steve: update him when there are changes on the Calendar.
   Cindy: please indicate if meetings are on Zoom or in person.

New Business

8:08 Felicity: the traditional Boyum Christmas potluck won’t happen due to the pandemic. Asks for feedback regarding what the M-Board would prefer instead. There is little input and a few comments about being busy; Felicity decides to cancel December meeting.
   Steve G: has an extra ticket to Craig Tyrl’s “The Nether” to give away; Felicity takes it.

Miscellaneous Business and Announcements

8:13 Felicity: shared Thanksgiving service at University Synagogue: Fri Nov. 19th 7:00pm. Hearts and Hands, Church of LDS and co-sponsored by NMIIC, service projects: blood drive, bake sale, etc. Nov 20th Pastor Sarah speaking on Islamic relations and separation of church and state; zoom link in agenda.
   Alex: posted the Wayward Artist link.
   Craig: suggests that speakers are introduced, as some services (O&A anniversary, etc.) featured speakers that newer members may not know.

Adjournment

8:17 Motion: Eduardo
   Second: Sharon
   All in favor: Unanimous