

IUCC Ministry Board
Monday, January 10, 2022 @ 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, Kathi Smith, Craig Repp, Alex Ingal, Cheryl Trobiani, Lauren Louie, Pat Sauter, Craig Tyrl, Diane Rust, Renae Boyum.

7:07 Felicity calls meeting to order.

Inspirational Thoughts / Moments of Gratitude

7:07 Felicity: grateful her illness was not severe, and grateful her husband is recovering from his stroke.
Steve G: Peggy is also feeling better.
Karolyn: thankful for her Mother, whose birthday would have been today.
Diane: Pastor's Sarah and Steve for caring about and supporting us.
Renae: grateful to be at her first M-Board meeting.

Approval of Minutes

7:10 Approval of November minutes
Some people did not receive minutes via email. Felicity suggested Karolyn resend November Minutes with January's Minutes, and the M-Board can vote on both in the February M-Board Meeting.

Ministry Board Reports

7:12 No updates

Ministry Spotlight

7:12 Congregational Care – Diane Rust and Kathi Smith
Caring for others, especially during times of need. Providing meals for the sick; participating in the "Meal Train". Visiting people who are in the hospital, at

home, or in nursing homes. Making monthly phone calls or other contact for people who are ill or in need. Coordinate and share ideas with Stephen Ministry. Work on the Prayer Chain with Lorraine Fox, who regularly updates Cong. Care with the status on member's health and other needs. Sending cards via USPS and email. Includes Prayer Shawl Ministry with help from Mary Swope and Glenda Wyant. Arrange transportation for people to doctor appointments, church events, etc. Coordinating Memorial Services. Call or email either Diane or Kathi if you—or someone you know—have ideas or needs. Pastor Steve now includes the Prayer Chain names on the screen during services; needs the info by Thursday for inclusion on the Sunday service.

Volunteer Needs

- 7:22 Lauren: needs help, ideas and participation for youth groups, events, etc.
Pastor Sarah: a woman needs help packing/preparing for her move to Bartlett, Illinois. She is vaccinated/boosted.

Pastor Report

- 7:26 Pastor Sarah: continuing to make changes to keep in-person services as safe as possible: no Communion, no choir, no congregational singing, trying to secure N95 masks. MYP has moved Sunday School online, and Child Care outside. Would like Ministries to contact she and Pastor Steve to share how they have each changed to a safer protocol. Leaders are testing regularly.

Staff Report

- 7:31 Pastor Steve: Diversity & Inclusion Book Study beginning a week later; schedule change noted in email updates. JoAnne Mansell is postponing the Women's One Day Retreat at the Norman P. Murray Center until a later date. Make sure to update your Zoom Software ahead of the Winter Congregational Meeting; Steve has provided directions in his report.

Old Business

- 7:34 None

New Business

- 7:34 Renae: Acknowledges the great people who have lead in the past. Membership is not just the job of one person. Bylaws include welcoming guests and visitors

to our church (with help from Deacons), recruiting people via classes and other info provided, and assimilate by making people feel welcome and included. Wants to create a Membership Ministry team with Rugee and Harley Gimarino (and others still being recruited). Wants to do Visitor Classes regularly; the first are tentatively scheduled on Feb 13th and Apr 10th via Zoom. Would like to reinstate our “VID”: gathering of the Pastor and the Membership Ministry to discuss guests and visitors. Would like each Leader to think about how their Ministry can help welcome and include new people. Alex suggests new people perform hosting duty at Coffee Hour as an easy way to meet many current members. Cindy can include Ministry activities on the website so that new people know what they’re welcome to participate in (send her the info). Craig suggests that Deacons become more formalized with the meet and greet process, and asks that we get welcome packs together that are easily accessible. Discussing the Visitor Form for new people who attend online: what is the process, who does it go to (add Renae’s email), should it be updated, and what info is shared. Cheryl suggests pairing up someone to sit with new people. Eduardo suggests that that person have similar interests, careers, etc. so that the visitor feels more at home with friends. Tricia thanks Renae for taking this on, and feels she’s perfect for the role.

Miscellaneous Business and Announcements

7:56 Felicity: with Chuck Heath moving to Treasurer, Green Faith needs a co-chair while working toward becoming its own Ministry. Americans United for Separation of Church and State showing movie, “Call Me Kuchu” regarding LGBTQ+ issues in Uganda, Jan. 15th at 2pm via Zoom. History of Civil Rights in OC with the Director of OC Human Relations Council, Jan. 7th 2pm via Zoom. NMIIC Meeting Jan. 19th via Zoom (details to follow).

Adjournment

7:58 Motion: Eduardo
Second: Steve
All in favor: Unanimous