

IUCC Ministry Board
Monday, February 14, 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, Craig Repp, Cheryl Trobiani, Lauren Louie, Renae Boyum, Kathi Smith, Diane Rust, Lesli Mitchell, Pat Sauter, Steve Goetz.

7:05 Felicity calls meeting to order.

Inspirational Thoughts / Moments of Gratitude

7:06 Kathi: went back to Zumba in person
Felicity: grateful we are all here
Pastor Sarah: grateful that a woman whose needs were mentioned in a previous Ministry Meeting's Volunteer Needs was given the help she needed, and was doing well.

Approval of Minutes

7:08 Approval of November 2021 Minutes
Motion: Steve G.
Second: Craig R.
All in Favor: unanimous

Approval of January Minutes
Motion: Cindy
Second: Diane
All in Favor: unanimous

Ministry Spotlight:

7:11 Diversity and Inclusion, Lesli Mitchell
Since Lesli is a therapist, she is unable to attend our meetings regularly. D&I is primarily lead by she and Eduardo Arismendi-Pardi, with help from Felicity,

since Jenna stepped down. They regularly meet every 4th Sunday at 1:00pm. Primarily they focus on race, but shifted to all that are marginalized and oppressed. They explore this through a regular Book Club with the Repps and Terry LePage on Tues/Thurs. They are currently reading “White Rage”, in which the author focuses on the ‘white rage’ that took place after the George Floyd murder protests and during the January 6th Insurrection, etc. The Repps also arrange lunches and dinners at different ethnic restaurants, and meet with the owners to understand their culture and background. They watch videos to explore gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, ageism, ableism, etc. Sunday, Feb 27th at 1:00pm via Zoom will be a panel with Vinnie, Lester and August focusing on Intersectionality; balancing sexuality with being African-American for Black History Month. D&I is also open to ideas.

Ministry Board Reports

- 7:18 Steve G: Dropped off 3 bins of donations to Families Forward, and that’s only half of it.
Rena: Visitor Gatherings had 3 new people; 2 are from Texas. Wants to collaborate on ways to socialize with in-person activities, such as the Patio Potluck, the all-church workday, and Palm Sunday.
Steve G: He and Craig are planning a Deacon gathering in Big Bear for April or May.
Kathi: Wants to re-instate potluck for new members.
Diane: We used to have 6 Faith Exploration meetings for new members.

Volunteer Needs

- 7:24 Rena: Membership is everyone’s responsibility. Tricia included 25 Ways to Start a Conversation in the Newsletter.

Pastor Report

- 7:26 Pastor Sarah: Glad we remained open in January. Low attendance is hard, but the energy is coming back. Grateful for the music, choir and the interns. Great speakers and topics are coming up.
Cindy: Suggests that we not block off every other row because it’s confusing, causes problems, and could turn people away.

Staff Report

- 7:34 Pastor Steve: Guest speaker March 19th and 26th. Sign up ahead of time. Most

people commit last minute, and it's difficult to plan and host. Any person volunteering for a youth program is required by state law to go through a background check (reimbursed) and child abuse reporting training. Register and become certified online.

Old Business

7:41 None

New Business

7:41 Pastor Steve: Sent out a list of tasks to be accomplished to the M-Board regarding all-church workday. Asking for someone else to take the lead on the project. Dates being discussed; April 10th suggested. Wants to involve the Admin Board as well.

Pastor Sarah: Wants all Ministries to create a 2-3 minute video succinctly explaining who your ministry is and what you do. Use a script and bullet points. Include names (to appear on screen), pictures and videos; the more content, the better. The tech will make the content dynamic. Pastor Steve will set up a Dropbox with link and email it to the M-Board. Deadline is March 14th.

Miscellaneous Business and Announcements

7:59 Felicity: This Wednesday, NMIIC -- Cultural Religious History of Blacks in America. This Thursday, a presentation about "Deplorable Food in OC Jails Call-to-Action".

Steve G: Everyone Counts OC, volunteers count every 2 years how many people are homeless in various cities, February 22-24th. Online training required before you can participate.

Adjournment

8:05 Motion: Cindy
Second: Steve G
All in favor: Unanimous