

San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church
Administrative Board Minutes
May 21, 2015

Attendance: Sunny Ahn, Devon Drake, Ron Dunn, Don Field, Linda Green, Larry Henderson, Carole Johnson, Don Johnson, Paul Kuelz, Dave McWilliams, Dean McWilliams, Terry Sherman, Maggie Stienstra, Winnie Stribling, Brad Tolstedt JoAnn Van Bezey

Absent: Luke Ham, Stephanie Ham, Coreen James, Jim McKnight, Bonnie Roberts, Johnathan Robinson, Laurie Stocking, Brad Stribling

Guests: Barb McWilliams, Shannon Dever, Tom Kring

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Terry Sherman called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm in the Great Hall, Wesley Center.

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Ron Dunn offered a prayer to open the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION

It was moved that the March 17, 2015 minutes be approved as written.

Moved: Terry Sherman; Motion passed: unanimous

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

The Strategic Planning Committee's work is proceeding and expected to conclude soon. Each of the teams is currently prioritizing their objectives to implement the strategic plan in their targeted area and will be presenting the findings at the next committee meeting on 5/28.

Once that has been completed, several "open forums" will be scheduled for the Church community to listen and comment on these objectives. Everyone will have a chance to participate in this review/vetting process. Congregational feedback will be used to finalize the strategic plan that will be presented to the Ad Board for approval in approximately two months.

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Finance Chair Brad Tolstedt reported that January through April income and expenses were favorable to plan and that the expense policy was under review.

PASTORS' MOMENTS

Pastor Sunny Ahn reported that she had just returned from Washington, D.C. where she was a representative for the Asian American Pacific Islander Communities at the White House briefing on Human Trafficking.

She noted that Small Groups are reforming and regrouping and that the former Neighborhood Network is evolving into a new caring ministry entitled "Kindness Korps" which uses a new concept of caring for the congregation and will be introduced to the congregation on Sunday, May 31st. Linda Green encouraged Ad Board members to reach out to their committees and small groups to identify any needs and email or call her to set the process in motion and also to identify any who could be encouraged to become members of the Kindness Korps.

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Pastor Dunn recounted the Seniors' field trip he took to the John Muir House in Martinez that afternoon. He also reflected that he is immersed in preaching and teaching and thinking about how implementation of the strategic plan will challenge and enrich our Church life. Ad Board members were encouraged to be fully engaged when the strategic plan is presented to the congregation. Also, it is a busy time of the year with Pentecost this weekend, softball, grill team and the Annual Conference in mid-June. Carole and Don Johnson and JoAnn Van Bezey will be the lay members attending and reporting back at the Ad Board's July meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Pastor Ron Dunn introduced hosting the "Veil Tapestry" which was unveiled at the "Inequality and Faith" event at San Damiano on November 15th by members of the Interfaith Community. Tom Kring reported that this is a traveling exhibit whose mission is threading the connection of all faiths. It is interactive in that as it travels from congregation to congregation, each congregation is afforded the opportunity to add words and phrases from their tradition and paint them by hand on the canvas. This tapestry of calligraphy will be a testimony to our universal faith. SRVUMC is scheduled for the month of October for the Veil Tapestry. Artist Bill Carmel will introduce the project on the 1st Sunday and will be available for the next three Sundays to facilitate contributions by our congregation.

Pastor Ron Dunn reported that a task force on "inclusivity" has been meeting to develop a statement of clarification regarding our Church being an open and inclusive congregation that would be posted on our website. The taskforce is comprised of Ron Dunn, Bob Baker, Larry Henderson and Johnathan Robinson. A statement will be sent to the Ad Board in the next 2-3 weeks to be discussed at the next Ad Board meeting. It would then be taken to the Congregation for their feedback and input.

Terry Sherman reported that the Will Schramm Memorial Labyrinth is complete and there is a dedication scheduled on May 31st, 4pm, at Hap Magee Ranch.

JoAnn Van Bezey reminded the Ad Board that there is a 7pm meditative service the 1st Wednesday of the month in the Sanctuary.

NEXT MEETING: Tues., July 21, 2015 at 7:00 pm, Fireside Room

CLOSE AND ADJOURNMENT

Chair Terry Sherman adjourned the meeting at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Stienstra
Ad Board Secretary