

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

Attendance: Sunny Ahn, Dave Coombs, Ron Dunn, Don Field, Linda Green, Stephanie Ham, Larry Henderson, Paul Kuelz, Jim McKnight, Terry Sherman, Laurie Stocking, Winnie Stribling, Brad Tolstedt, JoAnnVan Bezey

Absent: Luke Ham, Coreen James, Carole Johnson, Don Johnson, Dave McWilliams, Dean McWilliams, Bonnie Roberts, Johnathan Robinson

Guests: Lyn Arscott, Mark Miller, Sanjiu More, Devon Drake, Joyce Kayser, Linda Ashcraft, Shannon Dever, Quenton Alexander, Jim Burk, Mark Jewett

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Terry Sherman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room.

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Ron Dunn offered a prayer to open the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION

It was moved that the May 21, 2015 minutes be approved as written.

Motion passed unanimously.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT

Joanne Van Bezey reported on the Annual Conference, held in Burlingame June 17-20. Bishop Brown, who is retiring, officiated with over 1000 in attendance. The theme, Engaging Faith in the Public Square, was expressed throughout the conference. Keynote speaker Alexia Salvatore, activist and organizer, spoke on "Doing Justice while Loving Mercy." Questions asked included, "What does it mean for us as local churches to do justice? "How does the world break your heart?" A main point: The Church does not have a compassion problem but sometimes a vision problem. Complete videos can be seen on the conference web site.

Other highpoints: 3 new UMCs were chartered,

5 congregations were designated as mission congregations

Imagine No Malaria Campaign raised \$1.75 million of \$2 million requested.

El Camino district raised \$118,159.56, well over the \$100,000 requested.

A budget of \$6,168,408 was approved for mission and ministry: 3% increase.

Steve Elliot of Asbury UMC received one of the Bishop's Awards

Overall membership of 74,228 is down by 538 from 2014.

Church School attendance of 6,754 is up 633 from 2014

Next General Conference will be in Portland, OR, mid-May, 2016.

Peace and Justice grants are available.

MULTI-PURPOSE ACTIVITIES BUILDING UPDATE

Lyn Arscott, member of the MAB Building task force, provided a recap of the progress on the Multi-Purpose Activities Building, which started in May 2012. Two years in the making, one year of appeals, over \$100,000 in legal fees, compliance with new state regs for water run-off, we hope to enter the 3rd Phase before the end of the year, with a Permit to Construct. Many thanks to Bob Baker, Quenton Alexander and others for their hard work and many hours on this project.

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STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

Terry gave a brief background of the process, beginning 2 years ago, to develop a strategy to drive direction of SRVUMC for the next 3-5 years, using the theme, "Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Using a PowerPoint presentation, Mark Jewett described the process as the framework of a house/church, beginning with a foundation and building from there.

Seven strategic initiatives derived from this process were presented in summary by each leader:

1. Create opportunities for people to connect and belong: Devon Drake
2. Develop thriving family ministries: Stephanie Ham
3. Service in everything that we do: Paul Kuelz
4. Outreach to and attract key segments of the population: Sunny Ahn
5. Develop & expand ministry through effective use of technology & social media: Linda Green
6. Create a worship environment that is engaging, meaningful and memorable: Ron Dunn
7. Effectively utilize the facilities and enhance the appearance of the campus: Jim McKnight

Mark summarized the presentations to reflect CORE values. Ron asked the leaders to help facilitate congregational town meetings which will allow the congregation to provide feedback. Dates for the town meetings have not been determined,

Other comments: Linda Ashcraft suggested the word "energizing" be added to the worship module. Don Field expressed concern about reaching the Millennials, e.g., the 25 – 35 age group. Lyn responded to concerns that the town meetings would be too "high level", saying that the leaders were very well versed in their field and specialty.

PASTORS' MOMENTS

Pastor Ron Dunn reported that our softball team played the "Sons of Pitches" and won 23-8.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Please refer to reports emailed to members prior to this meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business brought before the Ad Board.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: September 15, 2015, in the Fireside Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Terry adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Winifred Stribling
Secretary Pro Tem