

San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church
Administrative Board Minutes
September 15, 2015

Attendance: Sunny Ahn, David Coombs, Ron Dunn, Don Field, Linda Green, Luke Ham, Stephanie Ham, Carole Johnson, Paul Kuelz, Jim McKnight, Terry Sherman, Maggie Stienstra, Winnie Stribling, Brad Tolstedt

Absent: Larry Henderson, Coreen James, Don Johnson, Dave McWilliams, Dean McWilliams, Bonnie Roberts, Johnathan Robinson, Laurie Stocking, JoAnn Van Bezey

Guests: Shannon Dever

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Terry Sherman called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 July 21, 2015 minutes be approved as written.

Motion passed unanimously.

MAB/ARC UPDATE

ARC building plans are in structural review by the county. Eight different county departments review some portion of the plans. Once approved the next step is to secure a building permit. Contractor and subcontractors have been updating their bids so that a final construction cost can be established.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Terry Sherman reported that two town hall meetings have been conducted to engage the congregation and provide feedback on the proposed strategic plan initiatives. One final congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 27, 7pm, in Wesley Center and Pastor Dunn will address the subject in his column in the upcoming Valley Messenger. A special Ad Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, to consider approval of the strategic plan that will drive the direction of SRVUMC for the next 3-5 years to achieve our mission of "Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

SRVUMC PRESCHOOL

Preschool Commission Chair Winnie Stribling highlighted specifics of the changes in the Preschool Supplement to the SRVUMC Employee Handbook. After discussion and input it was decided to table this item until the next Ad Board meeting.

She also presented a "cleaned up" version of the United Methodist Preschool Bylaws.

MOTION

It was moved to approve the United Methodist Preschool Bylaws as presented.

Moved: Winnie Stribling; 2nd: Brad Tolstedt; Motion passed: unanimous

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PASTORS' MOMENTS

Pastor Luke Ham reported that the Youth Fall Retreat had an attendance of 50+ youth, Confirmation class has a roster of 20 8th graders - pastors will be teaching this class, and this is the kick-off to the start of the school year programming.

Pastor Sunny Ahn invited the Ad Board to an Intercultural Leadership Training program on Saturday, October 17, beginning at 10 am in the Fireside Room. The training will be led by Rev. Dr. Dale M. Weatherspoon from Good Samaritan UMC and Rev. Sun Hee Kim from St. Paul UMC. Both are trainers from i-Relate, an organization that believes that cultural competency is a leadership skill that can be learned.

She also announced that in conjunction with World Communion Sunday on October 4, SRVUMC will be celebrating Heritage Sunday celebrating the many and varied heritages within our congregation. We will be hosting the 1st Annual Heritage Luncheon after the 2nd service. Participants may sign up to attend for a small fee or sign up to bring a dish to share from their heritage.

Pastor Ahn will be attending a church conference on October 7-9 addressing the issue of mental health and establishing small groups, a safe space, for those with mental health issues. She also reported that the Kindness Korps volunteers and services are expanding and robust.

Pastor Ron Dunn reported that the kick-off to the Church season last Sunday was a success on many different levels and generations. The Chancel and Living Water Choirs were commended for their inspirational and innovative contribution to the service. Ron is working with the Committee on Lay Leadership in preparation for the All Church Charge Conference on Tuesday, November 17, at 7:15pm and he is also working with the Stewardship Committee in preparation for the annual pledge drive.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Missions Chair Paul Kuelz reported that the 15 days of service of “The Church has left the Building” mission begins this Saturday with a flurry of service venues including a Habitat for Humanity build, serving breakfast at Glide Memorial, Habitat Playhouse build, Iron House Trail cleanup, Stop Hunger Now, AniMeals food packing, Contra Costa Food Bank, and singing at Sunrise Assisted Living

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 6:30 pm, Fireside Room

CLOSE AND ADJOURNMENT

Chair Terry Sherman adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Stienstra
Ad Board Secretary