

## **Quarterly Conference Minutes**

**May 17, 2015**

Present: Brad Fowler (Vision & Strategy Chair), Pastor Paige, Ginny & Bob Bilanchone, Dale & Sharon McCart, Dick Cowles, Connie & Vil Calicdan, Steve Georgi, Bonnie & Bill Wright, Jan Taylor, Kathy Hartman, Steve & Dianne Dodge, Ray Norris, Eli & Lara Ralston, Dennis & Janet Kempke, John Carpenter, Mitzi & Lee Holmes, Brandon Won, Sarah Kisting, Lois & Kyle Vaught, Linda & Don Dressler, Sue Harris, John Pinches, Jin Kim, Bob Wright, Kay & Jack Lucas, Larry & Marge Anderson, Thelma & Bob Davis, Jeff Moretti, Lauren Wong, Bonnie Bennett

### **1) Opening Prayer & Welcome**

### **2) Business updates**

#### **a) Finances – Kyle Vaught**

We are on budget, including payment of budgeted apportionments. \$11,000+ ahead.

#### **b) Trustees – Ginny Bilanchone**

##### **i) Completed Projects in 2015:**

- \* Sanctuary window film replacement
- \* Lawn reseeded
- \* Watering – recycled water & water-saving devices installed on all sprinklers

##### **ii) Review of events – Pride Day & Persian Picnic Parking (\$4,595)**

##### **iii) Current and Planned Projects for 2015:**

\*Current Kitchen Remodel – expected completion July – volunteers & fundraising celebrated

\* Preschool yard wall project planned for this summer – funded by CWPS – Gbolahan Ogunbiyi to head the project in August

\*Patio cover repair

\*Wi-fi installation in Ed Bldg

\*Complete campus security upgrades

\*Asphalt repair

\*investigate/mediate water intrusion in air ducts below Sanctuary floor

##### **iv) Wish list:**

\* sanctuary - repair ceiling, lights, electrical

\* parking lot lights

\* signage

\* technology in Ed Bldg

\* upgrade patio coffee area

### **3) Disaster Preparedness Ministry – under Operations – Bob Bilanchone**

Mission statement submitted :

Our purpose is to prepare our church to more effectively respond in case of a disaster. A church prepared for disaster ministry has taken steps to safeguard the people and property of the church and is also prepared to respond to the suffering of their neighbors in a time of crisis. Whether area-wide or local, all disasters are local in the sense that the visible presence of the local church is essential to the community. Disaster response is an effective ministry through which we become instruments of God's healing and hope. By becoming the hands and feet of the Christ, we share in a commitment to the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of people in a time of crisis.

The team has completed/is working on a number of related initiatives: an evaluation plan, including a drill after worship; an agreement with Red Cross that FH would be part of an emergency shelter network; a narrated video of campus and contents for insurance purposes.

Current members: Bob Bilanchone, Sue Harriss, Barbara Doherty, Robert Wabler, Karen Rhoads, Roxane Fowler, Pastor Brandon Won

*QC moved and seconded adoption of the Disaster Preparedness Ministry under the Operations ministry area. Unanimous.*

### **4) Invitation to Offer Input on the Donor Wall - Steve Dodge**

Despite previous conference approval, discussion followed. Some concerns expressed and request to revisit at next conference – input invited on the brochure questionnaire by July 15.

### **5) Disability Ministry – under Be Love – Sharon McCart (report submitted)**

The following goals for this calendar year were agreed to by all parties:

1. Consult on making a new “Rooted” worship service more disability-friendly
2. Form a Disability Ministries Team
3. As needed, assist in choosing/modifying curricula for Bible study, Sunday School, and VBS that address varied learning styles and intelligences.
4. As needed, help Sunday School teachers with specific concerns and needs

Sharon reviewed the huge mission field of people with diverse abilities.

*QC moved and seconded adoption of the Disability Ministry under the Be Love ministry area. Unanimous.*

### **6) Our Irvine Dream Congregation – Pastor Brandon, Pastor Paige, Brad Fowler**

Pastor Brandon reviewed the history of this initiative, offering information from the Town Hall to those who had not attended. This included the overall church-planting goals of the parent

Pasadena DREAM Church, the national Korean Ministry Plan, and the Korean caucus; the progress of the Irvine congregation; and a funding & ministry plan through 2017.

Participants were invited to share testimonies from the Town Hall meeting and beyond. Many people stood to share how they understand the Spirit to be moving in this place at this time. There was also a strong sense of wanting to be connected to our Irvine Dream congregation along the lines of the Holliston Dream Church model, even as there was understanding that Korean-speaking neighbors will want to worship in Korean. We agreed to pursue development of a plan to grow combined children and youth ministries, and to be intentional about creating periodic shared times of worship, mission, and music.

After multiple testimonies, the sense of the meeting was that we adopt the Irvine Dream congregation.

Pastor Paige shared that the Bishop and Cabinet are ready to appoint Pastor Brandon to UUMC when we are ready to ask them to do this.

*Motion: We move that we adopt the Irvine Dream Congregation as a ministry of UUMC, including receipt and stewarding of the support funds, and appointment of Pastor Brandon Won as a p/t Local Pastor to UUMC beginning July 1.*

*QC adopted our Irvine Dream congregation almost unanimously. There was one objection.*

## **7) Dr. Janice Clark Bequest**

We reviewed a summary of the materials considered by the Clark Bequest Team. After a significant amount of discussion, members approved the recommendations that came from the team:

- Children/Family Ministry Position, \$39k for 2 years= \$78k
- Marketing/branding, \$20k for 2 years
- A/V upgrades for the Ed Bldg., \$10k
- New coffee table, \$12k
- Baptismal font (with a Dr. Clark plaque), \$3k
- Investigation for the sanctuary lighting/wiring upgrade, \$15k, with \$57k seed money for the upgrade set aside in an interest bearing reserve account (interest earned to Endowment for scholarships)
- **Grand total designated: \$195k**

Brad noted that the request for \$1-2K of music funding could be accommodated with the Kase funds set aside for our stated goals and objectives. This can be done as soon as a more detailed proposal comes before the Quarterly Conference.

Additional details are included in Bob Bilanchone's article in the June newsletter.

The Quarterly Conference adjourned at 2:00 p.m.