



PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

**BOARD OF SPIRITUAL
FORMATION**

MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2018

ATTENDANCE:

Yes	No		Yes	No	
	■	David Astin (2020)	■		John Humphrey (2019)
■		Josh Scharback (2019)		■	Paula Northwood, <i>Staff Liaison</i>
	■	Becky Dougherty(2020)	■		Seth Patterson, <i>Staff Liaison</i>
	■	Becky Dunn (2018)	■		Jan Rabbers (2018)
	■	Greta Hallberg (2018)	■		Ging Wiandt (2018), <i>Chair</i>

GUESTS (BOARD NOMINEES): Henry Bubula, Corbin Dillon, Jeanne Schuler, Johanna Schussler

I didn't know the terms of office for the members above who don't have a year listed, so that's why you don't have it posted there yet.

Actions Taken:

Item 1. Pilot a custom curriculum developed by Plymouth staff, scripturally tied to the worship services, and accessing the Sparkhouse online portal. To be evaluated in 12/18. Passed unanimously. We will save money by not buying the whole Sparkhouse curriculum for next year; our staff was already doing extensive rewriting to customize it to our people and our use; and our staff is confident they can do a stellar job.

Item 2. Set a world record for fastest open board position filling. We learned we had an opening on 6/13 during the day. The board was informed by 6:40pm. By 6:50pm we had identified a candidate, conferred with them, and accepted their acceptance!

Item 3. John H will continue as liaison with the Sunday Forum committee; Seth will continue to 'liaise' with CYF; Henry will liaison with Spiritual Exploration; Josh will liaison with the library; and Jeanne will liaison with the Christmas Festival committee.

Agenda Items

Leadership Day

Discussion of possible dates. We have since learned that Leadership Day will be 9/29/18.

Staff Changes for Next Year

Nina Jonson (who grew up in Plymouth Church) will be leading PF. Laura Tsai (who grew up in Plymouth Church) will be a permanent Little Lights teacher, with rotating volunteers to assist. Dylan Church (who grew up in Plymouth Church) will be the lead teacher for Big Lights. Jenny Ledoux (who grew up in Plymouth Church) will be half-time lead for the Nursery—we are looking for another half-time lead to be hired before fall. Summer Hills-Bonczyk (who grew up in Plymouth Church) will take over the dance program.

Sunday Morning Schedule Change Starting This Fall

First Service 9-9:50; Education Hour 10-10:50; Second Service 11-12 noon. The scriptures for the two services will be the same; the sermons will be essentially the same. During the Education Hour, here's what will be happening, starting in the

fall: Sunday Forum, all church school classes (except Confirmation, which will move to Wednesday evenings 6-7pm), Spirit Moves (liturgical movement tied to the scriptures each week), Sundays with Dan (interim minister), spirit-informed parenting / grandparenting, and meditation. In addition, there will be fellowship after both services, managed by the Board of Community Life. Also, a group is looking to start small spiritual gatherings on Saturday evenings, but they are thinking of piloting them on Sunday mornings during the Education Hour.

On Rally Sunday there will be an all-church party (food, inflatable slide, etc) at 10am to kick off these changes.

We (Board of Spiritual Formation) own the Education Hour. (We might want to think about what to call it...) We also need to think about how to market it. Most important will be word-of-mouth. We can also use ambassador stories. We will make a short presentation at Leadership Day. We'll do a Fellowship Announcement early in September. We discussed the possibility of Pilgrim Points—attendees at Education Hour events get points that will qualify them for prizes (eg, lunch with a minister, tour of the church). A subgroup of our board will be working on fleshing this concept out, as well as putting evaluation criteria and plans in place (contact Becky or Johanna if interested).

Because Seth will be teaching Confirmation Wednesday nights from 6-7pm, he asked if we could move our board meeting to 7-8:30. To be discussed and decided at our August meeting.

The monthly potlucks may become monthly 10am brunches (this suggestion needs further discussion).

Muslim Group Requesting to Meet in Plymouth during Ramadan

This did not happen. The request expired as of 6/14/18, so if they want to renew their request for the summer and/or fall, we will have to vote on it again (if for this summer, then we'll revote by email).

Prayers

Excellent opening and closing prayers by Josh—thank you!

Next Meeting

August 8, 6:30pm

*Respectfully submitted,
John Humphrey, secretary for this meeting*