



PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

BOARD OF SPIRITUAL FORMATION

MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JAN 16, 2019

ATTENDANCE:

Yes	No		Yes	No	
	■	Lindsey Alexander (2021)	■		John Humphrey (2019)
	■	Jeanne Schuller (2020)	■		Seth Patterson, <i>Staff Liaison</i>
■		Henry Bubula (2019)	■		Josh Scharback (2019)
■		Becky Dougherty (2020), <i>Chair</i>		■	Johanna Schussler (2021)
■		Corbin Dillon (2021)	■		Stacy Yoakiem (2021)

GUESTS: Racial Justice guests scheduled for this meeting have been rescheduled to Feb and Mar; Growth Task Force guest also coming later

Actions Taken:

Item 1. No actions were taken at this meeting. It was very discussive. In a good way.

Other Business

Liaison Updates

Sunday Forum committee to look at ways to let congregation know they can suggest topics; realize we plan 6-12 months in advance.

Becky will send Lenten Meditation format to Board in case any wish to submit a meditation to Spiritual Exploration committee. Henry will raise possibility of a Better Angels retreat with Jan.

CYF unanimously passed their Racial Justice covenant. Corbin will share copy with Board. Church school attendance up over last year. Literary Witness will have a children/youth focus for their program in April.

Christmas Festival (Crafts) – Leadership Council was receptive to our ongoing support for this AND our sense that it should not be the responsibility of this Board. LC will schedule further discussion. Hawona Jansen and Carrie Sauter will co-lead the crafts portion (if it is determined to continue it this year); Annette Atkins and Sally Pundt have offered to help also.

Leadership Council Update

All Spiritual Formation Board members should plan to attend the 1/26 Racial Justice event if possible (it is free), as a prelude to Leadership Day on 2/2. See also Christmas Festival above.

Growth Task Force

We have been given \$1000 to focus on growth. Growth was defined as not merely increased enrollment; it also includes deepening our spirituality and increasing our commitment to and involvement with racial justice. A few ideas that came up so far include: give some money to the library for new book acquisition (input from boards), increase educational offerings for parents, extend Sunday Forum into the community—pay our speakers to present at Learning in Style, Centro Tyrone Guzman, etc. Please think of other ways we might use this money to grow Plymouth and bring your ideas to our February meeting.

Sundays at 10

Allison is doing a fine job with written materials in support of Sundays @ 10. Seth and Nina will continue the handwritten What's Where When poster in the Jones Common lobby for now (possibly to be computerized and projected at some future time). Stacy and Johanna will give a Fellowship Moment at the 9 and 11 services sometime in February—date TBD.

Christmas Festival discussion

See committee discussion above.

Better Angels

See Spiritual Exploration committee discussion above. Becky has heard from two different church groups that the time for a Better Angels workshop is now.

Theater 45

Seth presented his Theater 45 proposal (Seth, how do you get a degree symbol to print?) to the Board. It is ambitious, and will require significant further discussion and decisions from the Board. Please read it prior to our Feb meeting and come prepared to discuss.

Covenant Partner

Did not get discussed at the January meeting. Do we have unfinished business here?

Next Board meeting

Feb 13, 2019, 6:30-8:00pm. Josh will give an Opening Thought; Henry will be secretary.

*Respectfully submitted,
John Humphrey, secretary*