

In The Loop

English Worshipping Community, May 21, 2019 Commission Meeting Summary

Winchell Quock convened the meeting and shared a two part devotion.

With many states now passing severe laws limiting abortion in hopes of overturning the 1973 Supreme court decision Roe vs Wade, the PC(USA) website has a statement affirming the current law. How would you feel if the law was overturned? It is a complex issue that bears study and deep reflection.

Ezekiel 27 - the prophecies of bringing dry bones to life. It is God who initiates hope and restoration.

EWC Coordinator Dave Miller's report reviewed. He is doing a great job making sure we are "TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS" until our interim pastor comes on board in June, and he will be asked to stay through June to facilitate a smooth transition. He is hoping to engage new people to participate in our church life, volunteering to BLOG, do the Ragsheet, update the Website, enews, and other forms of communication.

It was agreed the all guest preachers/speakers will be given/or at least offered a \$150 honorarium, including Cameron House youth speakers. We will check with Laurene on whether this would be in the form of gift cards for the youth.

Pastor Hammond starts June 9 with orientation by Dave Chan, Linda Lee, Pastor Kaan, Winchell. He will be flying to SF area the last week of May, and some leads as to SF housing are being pursued. His moving costs will be covered, and a repayable one year loan offered for first/last months rent. June 11 - dinner with elders and deacons in Chinatown. Carl presented and commission finalized salary package and contract for first year. June 16 - first Sunday for Don - will have a welcoming cake for teatime.

Potluck dinner set for Jun22 to meet greet our new pastor. Original plan for making pot-stickers, play Mah-Jong, and view "Crazy Rich Asians postponed.

June 30 consistory meeting, with a presentation by Dave Soohoo suggested by our insurer on preparedness for active shooter response.

Winchell re[ported that May budget is as expected. One Great Hour offering - \$2300. Two jewelry sales organized by Pam Jang and friends have raised over \$500, and it is being discussed how/where to use this money. One suggestion being proposed is a "pastoral/visitation fund" to reimburse deacons and anyone for purchase of flowers, cards, transportation, meals, etc to encourage this nurturing activity. If the Cameron House healing fund is no longer needed, some money can be transferred to jump-start this new line item.

Deacons had a retreat/training session with Pastor Gerald Chinen. In order to do their work, need training

Committee report highlights

Resource - to donate online, QR code will be published in order of service each Sunday. So far, we have two people giving their pledges in this manner.

Mission/evangelism -both food pantries going well. Preparing for annual SRO school supply distribution. No mission trip plans yet - ? Contact First Presbyterian in Chico.

Worship/Nurture - memorial Day retreat for about 30. Considering a Labor Day retreat . ? Summer sports start early June - one volleyball and 3 basketball t teams. Considering replacing childrens time with "time for Youth" idea of Terry Chan - addressing the basics of what it means to be a christian.

Covenant groups - Wednesday Night CG studying " What's the least to I can believe and still be a Christian".

Also, Wed CG is doing a lunch with youth on 3rd Sundays to build connections.

East Bay CG also met at Greg and Jeanines. School of Discipleship, finishing book "the Last week".

Presbytery - Linda reported that guidelines for applying for \$1 million in grants for mission projects has been completed. Looking for 5 person executive team to review/approve/administer grants - asking for sessions make nominations for next meeting at Old First August 10th.

Upcoming dates:

June 3 Summer sports start

June 4 - committee meetings

June 9 - session meeting

June 10 - Pastor Don's first day

June 16 - pastor Don's first Sunday in pulpit

June 18 - Commission meeting

June 22 - pot luck dinner, meet and greet

June 30 - consistor meeting