

Addendum to Minutes

Because there was no board meeting in February, 2015; some Board business was conducted via email.

On February 7, Ramon Urbano wrote:

Thank you for the input and concerns shared by some of you.

Its with regret and disappointment that after following up on the funding source for their proposal that I make the following motion:

"I make a motion that we do not accept the proposal as presented" and suggest to the Dream Team that they postpone the dinner or modify their plan to reduce its cost and possibly making it a potluck. In planning their future events they also should consider ways to minimize their costs."

Let it be clear that it is only for financial reasons that the proposal is turned down. We honor and support the work they are doing to the point that we can, however, the Board has fiduciary responsibilities to the church and the congregation which takes precedent.

If you are in agreement, a second to the motion would be accepted.

Discussion and questions followed. Hiram Jackson seconded the motion and the Board accepted the motion unanimously. By February 10, everyone had voted.

The proposal in question from the Dream Team is included below.

Ramon sent a message to Barbara Clutter on Feb. 20, regarding the Board decision. That message is copied below:

Dear Barbara and Dream Team,

As discussed, you are more than welcome to the March Board meeting (9 March) to discuss the proposal you presented to the Board for funding over the amount requested in May 2014. I will place you in the beginning of the business part of the Agenda. I am hoping we can clarify any questions each of us may have.

To start the discussion, please note the comments made and the exact motion that was presented, seconded and passed by the Board in response to your proposal.

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Barbara, we'd like to reemphasize that the Board appreciates, supports and honors the work of the Dream Team and realizes the importance and what it means to the Board and the congregation. We enthusiastically promote your efforts, thoughtfully participate in the meetings and the fruitful small group sessions.

Thank you for all you and the Dream Team are doing,

*ramón urbano
Board President*

The Dream Team and their funding proposal will be on the agenda for the March Board meeting.

Included below is the funding proposal itself:

Proposal for Dream Team Event Expenses

(Note that the number of attendees are estimates, and costs would be adjusted for the actual numbers.)

Second round of conversations

Congregation-wide party February 21—for 150 people (~\$12/person) \$1784

We have considered that the party was announced only one month prior to the event and for some is a holiday weekend, which may decrease attendance. Other options on the church calendar were far enough out that we were concerned about loss of momentum as congregants have been eagerly asking, “What’s next?” It has been announced in the Journal, and the bulletin Jan 25 and Feb 1, and will go out electronically very soon.

Catered dinner--\$1100

Wine--\$180

Dessert--\$225

Childcare –(2 workers x 4hours x \$9/hr)--\$72

Set-up/clean-up (Chris’s crew)--\$25/hr x 3hrs--\$75

Dishwashing (4 hours x 3 youth x \$9-12/hr (wage is set by the part-time employee contract)--\$132

Additional gatherings for those who didn’t attend the party (not yet specifically planned)—

(in homes) 40 people @\$10/per person + (after church) 40 people-lunch@\$6/person \$640

(These costs could be reduced if the in home gatherings were potlucks. Since hosts haven’t yet been identified, we didn’t want to have to insist on having donated food. Also we will try to coordinate the after-church gatherings with a youth group serving lunch as a fund-raiser, so congregants would buy their own lunch before the meeting.)

Share what was learned event (after church)— \$6/person for lunch x 90 people \$540

(Again the possibility of congregants buying lunch from a youth fund-raiser.)

Congregational Celebration--present proposals back to congregation for ratification

Heavy snacks for 100— nuts, fruit, crackers

\$250

Total--\$3214

Historically

2009—Capital Campaign Congregation-wide party—200 RSVP’s, 175 attended, held at Vets

Mem, cost--\$7500 (\$1800 for rental costs)

\$32.5/person

2014—leadership dinner—80 attended; cost \$960 (volunteers-Harvey, Chabot, Kobold)

\$12/person

2015—IRWS dinner for 40 prepared by volunteers--\$150 (Harvey)

\$4/person

2015—Retreat lunch for 12 participants (not UUCD) --\$90 (Naliboff)

\$7.50/person

Wine estimate for 150 guests—3 cases @\$5/bottle=\$180 (Corbett)

Catering

Buckhorn—for 100 guests (salad, starch, vegetable, vegetarian lasagna-portobello mushroom terrine, no dessert)--\$1450-1900 plus tax and tip. They do clean-up and set-up and serve on strong biodegradable, disposable plates, flatware.

Buca de Beppo—for 150 guests (salad, 3 entrées—veg and meat, bread, no dessert)--\$985 plus tax, tip and delivery. (Disposable plates, flatware)