

CK Board Meeting 12/14/19

Present: Ken Hsu, Serena Lee, Kenneth Chuang, Vincent Kwok, Katie Heemstra, Michelle & Andrew Tai, Meredith

Meeting started at 9:30 AM

Us board members first welcomed the new 2020 board! Then checked in with each other to see how things are going over bagels!

LGBTQ Book Discussion

- Andrew's ideas:
 - We were not permitted to discuss this at our previous church
 - It's been 2.5 years since we last discussed LGBTQ
 - LGBTQ folks deserve to know whether they can serve in our community
- Should this replace our normal small group study? Or another weekly activity on the side?
- Title: "God and the Gay Christian"
- If we do this in place of small group, we may have different discussions among the split smaller groups going in different directions
- Having it as one group, even if it becomes large, has the benefit of consistency among the whole community
- We could do this in the summer since we usually don't have a bible study small group then, but Andrew feels this may be pushing this down too long
- Are we assuming that most of us are already affirming? How do we include those who aren't during the season we read the book?
- There isn't really a way we can do this perfectly or cleanly
- Pre-discussion in May or earlier?
- Re-do the talk similar to the discussion we did 2.5 years ago
- Post an anonymous survey (end of January)

Next Year's Small Groups

- Ideas:
 - Since we're doing Matthew, we could do the Sermon on the Mount
 - Lord's Prayer -> can have prayer as theme for the year
 - Psalms
- Debrief of Revelation
- Having a book for the leaders to prepare was incredibly helpful

Christmas Dinner on 12/22 after service

- Casual meet-up with possibly White Elephant

Meredith, Andrew, and Michelle leave early

Financial Update

- Offering to date: \$80.4k (very similar to last year)
- Outreach: Ekklesia Project, Timmy's education

- Cambodia fundraiser cannot cover entire Cambodia trip. Will use surplus from Outreach budget
- Ken's stipend is going up to \$3k per month, to his disapproval :)

Thanksgiving Service and Cambodia Fundraiser Debrief

- Lots of food. Amazingly lots shared too :)
- For events like this in general, like the Cambodia fundraiser, we should be a little more proactive with publicizing (social media)
- Musicians admitted they messed up many times
- Leads to discussion on worship team logistics
 - Up-front schedule for people serving weekly
 - Asked Katie on possibility of leading
 - **Vincent** to look into renewing the worship equipment: snake, chaining multiple sound boards
- Good format: singing through the seasons
- Next year: singing through the 5-part story

Christmas Service

- Need to find readers
- Same every year

Retreat

- Ken contacted Erin, couldn't do it. Diana Butler Bass would do it for \$5000.
- Serena can contact friend
- Further discussion on potential speakers
- Make the announcement this Sunday (price details to come)

Outreach

- Serena reached out to Jen about immigration detention center. Would like to lead a trip in the summer and then have a follow-up discussion afterwards as a debrief
- We should put out a survey for the congregation to gain interest on where to serve
- Second Harvest was all booked for 2019
- Breakfast at the Crossing

Financial Support Form

- Ken C to prepare and email us
- Discussed a possible "lending" system for people who need financial help

Discussed "Stranger Things" as a small group study

Closing Thoughts

- Going through the year and reflecting on good and bad times

Meeting ended at 12:50 PM