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Fort Collins Area Interfaith Council
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Monthly Business Meeting of the Membership
Congregation Har Shalom
April 1, 2010

The monthly business meeting was held on Thursday, April 1, 2010, at Har Shalom following meetings of the various Standing Teams of the Council. President Rich Thompson conducted the meeting, calling it to order at approximately 9:05. Approximately 30 persons were in attendance. Rabbi Shoshana Leis of the host congregation welcomed the group and offered a meditation. Those present introduced themselves.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Carol Smith reported the

Beginning checkbook balance in March:	\$9,444.54
Income:	75.00
Administrative Expenses:	41.00
Ending checkbook balance in March:	\$9478.54

About \$1,000 is available for administration; about \$7,000 for grants. On a yearly basis, this should provide about \$10,000 for grants in 2010 distributed on a quarterly basis. [See Awards and Grants Team report for distribution proposal this quarter.]

Two more Covenant forms have been received.

Team Reports

Awards and Grants

Carol Smith that the team is recommending to the Executive Team that \$2260 be awarded to seven groups which have made grant application. [**note: The Executive Team** approved this request for Lambda Community Center; CAREVan/Saint; Elderhaus; Women's Resource Center; Crossroads Safe House; Homelessness Prevention Initiative; and Family Center/La Familia.]

Activities and Programs

JoAn Hopkins reported that programs are scheduled through November of this year. They are April (health disparities); May (Muslims Against Hunger); June (La Familia); September (evening meeting at the Hope Center); October (Spirit Crossing); November (Elderhaus on special needs of veterans).

The team has assigned individuals to serve as advocacy watchdogs to report key activities relative to 'hot' issues or activities in the community. For example, these include the city council, homelessness needs, addiction, immigration and human trafficking.

The team agrees to start in September trying out one meeting/month.

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Communication & Membership.

Sandra Brown reported that the team can support going to one meeting per month, recognizing that the meetings may last longer than currently. Cathie will continue for the time being to produce the E-bulletin weekly. We are reminded that we can invite more people from our organizations to the Awards and Appreciation Dinner. **Erin Gerdes** will communicate the total with the caterer when reservations close -- April 15. Orientations of new representatives will be exchanged for an information packet and a mentor to call with questions. [The team produced guidelines for item inclusion in the E-bulletin. Look for them in upcoming issues.]

Announcements

Sister Mary Alice Murphy reported on the state of plans for a permanent day shelter in Fort Collins. Experimentally, two agencies will try to expand their services, which will require renovation at both of them. Since this is tentative, please refrain from broadcasting who these agencies are. Help needed as time goes on from IFC will include a fund-raiser and possibly more lunch volunteers. Donations may be given to the United Way noted for a Permanent Day Shelter. Right now, IFC can contribute conscience, letting the community know the need.

The Winter Day Shelter closed yesterday. Thanks are extended by Community of Christ which hosted the shelter to all those who helped, with a particular thank you to Catholic Charities who managed the shelter.

Stations of the Cross opportunities for Good Friday include those at Blessed John XXIII and at St. Luke's Episcopal as well.

Christ United Methodist Church is holding a quilt show on April 17 as well as a vintage sale with proceeds to charity.

Anne Chaisson reminded us that the next meeting, April 15, is at St. Paul's Episcopal and will be on health education related to health disparities. She recommended that we catch PBS's "Unnatural Causes" on the web and see streaming video of some glimpses from their program. It will be Anne's last meeting as a representative.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m. with an admonition from President Rich Thompson to "keep the poetic heart in our work."

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Brown
Recording Secretary