

**Fort Collins Area Interfaith Council  
Annual Meeting of the Membership  
February 4, 2010**

President Garth McCann opened the annual meeting of the membership at approximately 9:30 after the potluck brunch, Thursday, February 4, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Approximately 35 persons were in attendance. Father Mike Demmon of the host church welcomed the group and offered a meditation. Those present introduced themselves.

**2009 Team Reports**

Team reports were available in hard copy and the team chairs, Secretary and Treasurer offered additional comments. This was a year of reorganization and clarification for the Standing Teams and much was accomplished in those arenas as well as in substantial outputs.

**Grants and Awards:** Carol Smith, chair, reported that the team has found that awarding grants on quarterly basis (April, July, October and January) worked well and will continue to be the practice. During the fiscal year \$12,000 was awarded to a total of 17 non-profit agencies in the Fort Collins area.

**Programs and Social Concerns:** JoAn Hopkins, chair, reported that the team has ensured that speakers/programs will have sufficient time to present their topic and lined up

2010 programs through April, holding May open for urgent issues that may arise. Many program possibilities are further available for the rest of the year.

**Communication and Membership:** Pat Wise, chair, reported that the membership roster is now updated systematically, 12 new member representatives have been welcomed and oriented, the E-bulletin is now on a weekly basis, distributed the 2010 covenant forms and arranged hosts for the 2010 meeting calendar.

**Secretary:** Sandra Brown reported that minutes are regularly distributed in the E-bulletin and several hardcopies are brought to each business meeting for those who do not have electronic access.

**Treasurer:** Carol Smith reported for the fiscal year 2009

Beginning balance \$6029.09

Income: \$15,514.16

Expenses & Grants: \$13,344.92

Ending Balance: \$8,197.60

**Business Actions:**

The **slate of officers and team leaders** was approved, as amended, unanimously. The Executive Team is now

President: Richard Thompson

President Emeritus: Garth McCann

Vice President: JoAn Hopkins (on a temporary basis)

Treasurer: Carol Smith

Recording Secretary: Sandra Brown

Communications & Membership Team: Cathie Waugh

Programs & Social Concerns: JoAn Hopkins and Sue Beck-Ferkiss

Grants and Awards: Carol Smith and Beth Hammer

The **teams** that have operated throughout 2009 were affirmed and will continue.

The membership approved the **motion** brought by the Executive Team that “because we value the participation and contributions of all faith groups, we move that Interfaith Council will provide the OPTION to faith groups to designate the non-profit agencies they are willing to support with their donations to IFC ’s outreach.” Given this approval, the Covenant Forms will be revised to clarify this option going forward. New President Rich Thompson awarded Garth “The Prairie Home Companion Pretty Good Joke Book” in honor of the jokes with which he has regaled us during his tenure as president and thanked him for his organizational leadership, resulting in increased attendance and more available monies for distribution in grants. Garth will remain as President Emeritus, an unofficial position intended to retain accumulated experience and wisdom.

Rich thanked **Bob Dana** for his long and varied service including during the periods of getting the Homelessness Prevention Initiative and the Food Bank launched. He also thanked **Bill Brown** for his work on the roster and other *ad hoc* efforts such as distributing the Covenant Forms electronically.

#### **Announcements**

- New members are encouraged to join the leadership team, joining one of the Standing Teams.
- We are reminded that poverty is an issue that is surfacing and deepening in our area.
- Sue Beck-Ferkiss reminded us that the March 18 program will be brought by Bryce Hawk who will speak of Homeward 2020 and the Point in Time Survey to be taken March 10 and the national census. Data collected in both these ways are vital. Everyone should spread the word through their communities that accurate information is needed in order for Fort Collins to compete for government funds for its social service agencies.
- Rafael Ubico of the Faith Library at First United Methodist Church reminded everyone of the seminar on February 27, 9:30 – 3:00 , “How to Build and Manage Faith Libraries.” The seminar is free; the box lunch is \$10.
- It was suggested that the Executive Team look for ways to strengthen the role of representatives within their faith communities and agencies. Many suggestions arose from the group, including that there be training, that persons share techniques they have found to work, collecting and printing such a list, and a mission fair for agencies to showcase their efforts for members of all local faith organizations.

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- Bonnie Tancredi of the host church offered tours of the facility and invited everyone to an organ and orchestra concert on February 14 at 4:00 .

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Brown,

Recording Secretary