

Fort Collins Area Interfaith Council
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Monthly Business Meeting of the Membership
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
July 1, 2010

The monthly business meeting was held on Thursday, July 1, at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church 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 22 were in attendance and introduced themselves. Associate Pastor Michael Stadtmueller and his wife Carrie provided a musical meditation.

Recording Secretary's Report. The minutes of the last business meeting were **approved as distributed** electronically and on hand in hard copy.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Carol Smith reported:

Checkbook balance beginning June:	\$8197.18
Income:	\$3100.00
Administrative Expenses:	\$2200.00
Checkbook balance ending June:	\$9097.18

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Team Reports.

Awards and Grants. Carol Smith reported that the team received \$23,000 in grant requests. They are recommending a distribution of \$5500 with every requesting agency getting some. That will leave about \$2500, plus anything that may yet come in, for distribution during the last quarter.

Activities and Programs. JoAn Hopkins reported that Sister Mary Alice Murphy is wearing red and white for Canada Day! Upcoming programs are
September 16 – panel on bullying – spread the word on this event
September 30 – at the Hope Center; those with 'food connections' should bring Desserts
October 21 – Spirit Crossing on the chronically mentally ill
November 18 – panel on services for returning veterans

The Activities Team will reclaim "Mission Moments" as practiced formerly. The host church will present, in three to five minutes, what's important to their faith and their interest insofar as social justice is concerned. These presentations will be at the business meeting.

Six sites of the Food Bank have been serving 600 kids breakfast and lunch during the summer.

Four Fort Collins churches have committed to providing housing through the Interfaith Hospitality Network. More are interested.

Communication and Membership Mary Garcia reported that signed Covenant Forms are back from all but four of our expected groups. The E-bulletin will migrate to Constant Contact. Diane Cohn, Sarah Alessi and Cathie Waugh will work together on the transition. Management of the roster will come inside the Team with Sue Anderson picking up that responsibility. Diane Cohn has agreed to serve as Vice Chair.

Old Business

The Executive Team has been discussing and now proposes a fundraiser for a year-round shelter to be managed by the Murphy Center and Catholic Charities. United Way will be the fiscal agent. The date for the event will be March 31. There is the beginning of a planning committee. The effort is to gain as much as possible from a \$50,000 challenge grant to match donations. It is hoped that the most of the funds raised can be used for programs. Remodeling has begun to shift office space and extend space for the daytime clients.

Announcements

Jean Kerr of Baha'i announced that they will be conducting a youth retreat concluding with service projects the July 17/18 weekend. They are also conducting spiritual empowerment movements within neighborhoods for 11-14 year olds and are requesting volunteers.

Tonight's Interfaith Dialogue will be with the Rocky Mountain Resource Center, which deals with cults and hate groups.

In related news, last Friday night's picketing of Har Shalom by Fred Phelps's group out of Kansas lasted about half an hour. It elicited a peaceful, silent counter demonstration by a CSU group. The Rabbi announced that the picketing provided an occasion for support and became a highlight for grace in the community.

The Interfaith Clergy will meet July 13 with a presentation by Concerned Larimer.

The Homelessness Prevention Initiative is holding a benefit fashion show on July 20 at Jay's Bistro. Tickets are \$35.

The **next meeting** will be September 2 at the Unitarian Church. (**See notice below.***)

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Brown, Recording Secretary

***Notice – July 19 – Our meeting of September 2 will instead be at Plymouth Congregational Church, 916 W. Prospect.**