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Fort Collins Area Interfaith Council

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Monthly Business Meeting of the membership

American Baptist Church

June 3, 2010

The monthly business meeting was held on Thursday, June 3, 2010, at the American Baptist Church following meetings of the various Standing Teams of the Council. President Rich Thompson conducted the meeting, calling it to order at approximately 9:15 a.m. Approximately 21 were in attendance. Those present introduced themselves. Pastor Bill Prather of the host church welcomed the group and offered a meditation.

Recording Secretary's Report. Copies of the minutes of the Business Meeting of May 6, 2010, were distributed by e-mail. **The minutes were accepted as distributed.**

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Carol Smith reported:

Beginning checkbook balance [beginning May]:	\$7,584.91
Income:	\$ 625.67
Administrative Expenses:	\$ 250.00
Ending checkbook balance: [end May]:	\$8,197.18

The balance contains \$1,029.37 for administrative expenses and \$7,167.81 for grants.

Carol also reported that a large donation has been received from Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (more than \$2000) designated for the Homelessness Prevention Initiative.

Team Reports.

Awards and Grants. Carol Smith reported that in the light of more requests than funds, the team shall continue to manage the funds as equitably as possible. The last request submission deadline for 2010 is June 15.

Programs and Activities. Sue Beck-Ferkiss reported that if the September program is not set in stone, then there could be a presentation at the Murphy Center from all the agencies dealing with homelessness. **[N.B. There does appear to be a September program arranged.]** The team would also like IFC to bring back a mission moment at each meeting, so that groups could share what they're doing in the realm of IFC's interest. That could begin next year and, also next year, maybe there could be forums around specific topics, e.g., immigration. Further, the team would like IFC to hold an annual fund-raiser, each year in support of a different topic area.

Communication and Membership. Mary Garcia reported that the Team has reached all, with overall good results, of those groups who had not previously returned their Covenant Form. The Team looked at an alternative format for the E-bulletin, using Constant

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Contact, an e-mail service, that would cost about \$126/year. There will be a meeting to talk with Cathie Waugh about confirming this approach and how to go forward.

Old Business

In answer to some questions raised in team meetings, IFC is a 501.c.3.

There was preliminary discussion about an annual fund-raiser for a specific need, e.g. first for a permanent day shelter. Program money is available for such a shelter; reconstruction funds are needed. Catholic Charities mission and Sister Mary Alice Murphy Center for Hope have now received Memoranda of Understanding and can go forward with their plans. **We can now talk up this opportunity.**

New Business

Occasioned by their increased meal service, Catholic Charities needs more meal-service volunteers.

Announcements

- Not in Our Town Alliance, an organization that works for diversity in our community, is showing a CSU-produced documentary on hate groups in Fort Collins on August 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Coloradoan building.
- The Tent of Abraham, Sarah and Hagar will hold a blood drive at Christ United Methodist Church 9 – 11:00 am, July 9.
- There will be an initial meeting on June 14, 6 – 9:00 pm, at Blessed John XXIII Commons to consider initiating a L'Arche Community in Fort Collins. Such communities are for those with developmental disabilities and care providers living together. There are several models for such communities. The meeting will be a potluck.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Brown, Recording Secretary