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Fort Collins Area Interfaith Council  
Membership Business Meeting  
Minutes  
March 4, 2010

The monthly business meeting of the membership was on Thursday, March 4, at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, preceding and following meetings of the various Standing Teams of the Council. President Rich Thompson conducted the meeting, calling it to order at approximately 9:10 a.m. Approximately 30 persons were in attendance and introduced themselves. Rev. Rich Fennig of the host church welcomed the group and offered a meditation.

#### Announcements

- The next meeting will also be at Westminster Presbyterian and the program will be on Homeward 2020.
- Beth Hammer reminded the group that the first meeting of April will be at Har Shalom and will occur during Passover. We are asked to bring no food into the building.
- Sue Beck-Ferkiss thanked everyone for participation in the poverty simulation at the last program. She asked that we reflect in our teams on what we didn't know before of the poverty situation.
- Sue also announced that the Homelessness Prevention Initiative St. Patrick's Day celebration is March 13 at 7:00, \$10.00 at the door. Excellent entertainment is promised.
- Sue encouraged us all to send anyone we know who is homeless to a service agency on March 10 so that they can be counted in the Point-in-Time homelessness survey.
- Homeward 2020, according to Sue, will contact churches to learn what they're doing related to homelessness.
- Cathie Waugh presented the tabletop display, a donation from the Food Bank, which we'll begin to use.
- Neighbor to Neighbor will soon celebrate its 40th anniversary. Details have been provided. A free lunch is included.

Treasurer's Report Carol Smith reported that  
Beginning checkbook balance February 1 \$8,197.66  
Income \$2,281.88  
Administrative Expenses \$ 100.99  
Grant awarded \$ 500.  
Ending checkbook balance, Feb.28 \$9,878.55

Secretary's Report Sandra Brown reported a correction in the minutes of February 4, reflected on the hard copies brought to today's meeting and in the copy to be filed: Bob Dana was not involved in the launch

of the Food Bank.

## Team Reports

**Awards and Grants** Christi Stingley reported that the team has revised the grant application form and guidelines which will be posted on the website and revised the letter to partners. Applications will be accepted through June 15 with the first awards made in April. It looks as if we already have \$10,000 available for awards.

**Activities and Social Concerns** JoAn Hopkins reported that we ‘have more programs than months’. Scheduled so far are Health Disparities (April); Muslims Against Hunger (May); La Familia (June); Concerned Larimer and an update on the Hope Center and a future day shelter (September); Spirit Crossing – Mental Health Center (October), Red Cross on Returning Vets (November).

Areas of advocacy that we should be keeping an eye on include City Council for the issues that concern us, resources for the disabled, an alcoholic recovery center for Fort Collins and Operation Salute at Elderhaus.

Rich Thompson reported that the Winter Day Shelter ends with March and that we do hope that a permanent day shelter can be established.

**Communications and Membership** Cathie Waugh reported that

- the e-bulletin will be reformatted following the Awards Dinner
- Nancy Boswell has been calling faith groups and agencies in follow-up on Covenant Forms, working with Sue Anderson to keep the records accurate
- Sandra Brown has streamlined the Covenant Form for greater user-friendliness going forward and updated website content. [Note that Jon Mendenhall, as Webmaster, does the magic.]
- Erin Gerdes will send the e-vite for the Awards Dinner and print some for distribution at meetings.

## New Business

### Awards Dinner

Volunteers signed-up to set-up for and clean up after the Awards and Appreciation Dinner. Chris Kennison, general manager of KRFC, will be the keynote speaker.

### Covenant Forms

Bill Brown will be in the loop on returned Covenant Forms to capture the information on new representatives.

Rich Thompson adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:00, citing Rabbi Abraham Herschel who said, “Wonder, rather than doubt, is the

root of knowledge.”

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Brown, Recording Secretary

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