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Fort Collins Area Interfaith Council

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Monthly Business Meeting of the membership

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

May 6, 2010

The monthly business meeting was held on Thursday, May 6, 2010, at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. President Rich Thompson conducted the meeting. Approximately 25 persons were in attendance. Pastor Dana Peterson of the host church welcomed the group and offered a meditation.

Recording Secretary's Report. The minutes of the business meeting of April 1 were **approved**. The membership agreed that sending the minutes via e-mail separately from the E-Bulletin was effective and perhaps better.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Carol Smith reported:

Beginning checkbook balance, beg. April	\$9,478.54
Income	1,400.00
Administrative Expenses:	1,033.63
Grants	2,260.00
Ending checkbook balance, end April	7,584.91

The balance represents about \$884 for administration and \$6700 for grants.

The Treasurer's Report was **accepted** as presented.

Team Reports.

Awards and Grants. Kristi Stingley reported

- four grants are being considered for the second quarter
- one request from the first quarter needed clarification. Today, following that clarification the Team is recommending to the Executive Team a grant against it
- about \$6700 remains for grants for the balance of the year

Programs and Activities. JoAn Hopkins reported:

- Sister Mary Alice Murphy reported a donation for the renovation of the mission and a hope for funds for the renovation of the Hope Center to accommodate a permanent day shelter. [**still not officially 'news.'**]
- Steve Kuehmeman reported that Neighbor to Neighbor has been able to re-open.
- Heather Thurston reported that Food Bank numbers have stabilized following a large increase earlier in the year. They have had a good result from their fund-raising event.
- Sue Beck-Ferkiss reported a crisis in Homelessness Prevention with housing costs going up.

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- There's a large interest in the Interfaith Hospitality Network (Angel House) and coordination in the Fort Collins area would be welcome. The Network has approximately 8 churches in Fort Collins on board.
- Immigration, human trafficking and bullying are newer areas of interest for this Team and our program schedule is full for some time. The Team is looking at some alternative scheduling and larger site possibilities.
- The Team recommends that we bring a friend to IFC meetings.
- If IFC goes to one meeting/month we must be more efficient.
- Rick Bunch reports that up to 15 or so Winter Day Shelter clients are coming to Community of Christ events.

Communication and Membership. Mary Garcia reported

- The team has redesigned its guidelines
- It will be contacting members who have not been attending. From there, contact will be made with those who haven't attended at all.
- We may be re-designing the E-Bulletin.
- We welcome new member Kay Bunch.

Old Business

- Sister Mary Alice Murphy reported that Homeless Connect drew more than 200 clients. SLICE members, student volunteers from CSU, were available to give homeless clients one to one attention. GO Transport provided shuttle service. Attendees provided glowing reports. This event, organized by Homeward 2020, will be done every year.
- Another voice for having at least occasional evening programs arises because Muslims Against Hunger is composed mostly of students.
- **It is still not official**, however progress is being made on a permanent day shelter. A large donation may be available for matching grants. Center for Hope and Catholic Charities Mission will be working with Glen Good. Sister Mary Alice Murphy hopes that the churches will get behind it. Noon meals are already being served at the Mission to between 40 and 80 people daily.

New Business

- For churches to provide an effective response to walk-ins needing overnight shelter, accurate information is needed on the services and procedures of the responding agencies. For example, information on shelter hours, voucher programs, etc. is needed.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Brown, Recording Secretary