

**Fort Collins Area Interfaith Council**  
**Minutes - Membership Monthly Business Meeting**  
November 5, 2009  
Blessed John XXIII

The monthly business meeting was on Thursday, November 5, 2009 , at Blessed John XXIII Church preceding and following meetings of the Standing Teams of the Council. President Garth McCann conducted the meeting, calling it to order at approximately 9:05 a.m. Approximately 25 were in attendance. Carol Smith of the host church welcomed the group, providing a history of the church and offering a meditation. Those present introduced themselves.

**Discussion of Urgent Items/Timely Topics**

This is a new agenda item designed to capture important general discussion before the announcement period at the end of the meeting.

- Carol Smith reported that only a few 2010 Covenant Forms are in so far, asking that representatives encourage their respective organizations to submit them.
- Garth reminded the group to refer to the website to keep up to date.
- A special Clergy Day will be November 12 at Community of Christ at 9:00 a.m. so that all the area's spiritual leaders may witness the Winter Day Shelter in operation.
- Pat Wise reminded everyone to sign in at each meeting in order to keep the roster accurate and to track attendance.
- There are still a few dates remaining for hosting meetings in 2010. Members should contact Pat Wise to volunteer to host.

**General Business Meeting**  
**Team Reports**

***Communications and Membership***

Pat Wise and Rich Thompson reported that

- the group continues work on clarifying, organizing and assigning accountability for the Team's responsibilities.

- the calendar for next year may require shifts in the usual schedule
- representatives should urge submission of Covenants for 2010 in advance of the January 15 deadline
- member organizations will have priority for coverage in the E-bulletin for their activities. Space may limit the inclusion of information from other groups.
- Teams are requested to keep track of who's attending. And, conversely, representatives should alert their Team chairperson in advance if they are not attending.

### ***Activities, Programs and Advocacy***

Sue Beck-Ferkiss reported (in JoAn Hopkins absence) that

- programs are in place through May
- on the advocacy side,
  - they will produce a fact sheet highlighting a count of the homeless in the Fort Collins area for publication within member organizations;
  - they will continue to advocate for a year-round day shelter;
  - they will track city council agendas for pertinent issues to monitor; and
  - will let Teams know of issues needing advocacy
- they request that representatives urge all those of our organizations' members who are homeless to allow themselves to be counted in the January count. Sue gave examples of those persons who are temporarily staying with family members or couch surfing among friends because they have no home of their own should be among those who are counted.

### ***Grants and Funding***

Pat Hammer reported that

- they are also working on Team responsibility definitions and proper wording
- they may need an Assistant Treasurer to sign checks in Carol's absence
- Bob Dana offered that he has been picking up the PO box mail when Carol cannot and was asked to be financial assistant. Currently 3 people can sign checks: Carol, Rich Thompson and

Garth McCann. The Bylaws would require change to include the financial assistant.

- Fewer grant applications than usual have been received. Is the new process effective?

**Announcements**

- Sympathy is extended to Trinity Lutheran in the passing of their minister, Rev. James Rasmussen
- An Executive Team meeting will follow the membership meeting.
- Krista Tippett, author and host of NPR’s ‘Speaking of Faith’ will appear on Rich Thompson’s program FUMC (88.9) and will speak at First United Methodist Church on the evening of November 11.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Brown  
Recording Secretary

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