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## Minutes of meeting September 14, 2016

**Present:** Tom Kelem (Stonewall); Loretta Steinke (Congregational Beth Israel); Ted H Sandberg (First Baptist Church) Jim Henson (Faith Lutheran); Ali Sarsour ((Moslem Association); Jim Anderson (Friends); Crystal Trimble (Chico New Thought Center); Jackie Leser (Bahai) Kristina Carter (Bahai); Rosie Whitie (Qadiri Rifai Sufi Order); Barbara Mann (First Christian) Tommy-Jean Mcguire (First Christian); Lakshmi Ariaratnam (Sky Creek Dharma Center); Kate McCarthy (CSUC); Greg; Bryan Plude (UU fellowship); Ben Colahan (Faith Lutheran); Deanne Schwb (SSS / Bidwell Pres); Leslie Johnson (CHAT / Trinity); Pam Beeman (Trinity);

11:45 am **Opening Focus:** Lakshmi Ariaratnam -  
**Moment of silent prayer**

**Approval of June Minutes:** Minutes were distributed as enclosure prior to the meeting by the Secretary – Approved.

**Treasurer report:** Rosie White, Treasurer – Was not ready to make a report as she was not able to see the bank statements yet.

12:00 pm **Introductions :** (5 min.)  
Just state your name and affiliation, if any.

12:05 pm **Discussion Items**

CAIC Annual Dinner 10/18: tickets & update: Rosie had tickets, and distributed to council members and for them to sell. She will place the balance at Diamond W and Christian and Johnson for sale.

12:25 pm Scott Winters: Winter Consulting Group update: Our November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop we missed due to Scott being stranded in an airport.. The 4<sup>th</sup> workshop in this series will be scheduled after the 3<sup>rd</sup> in February.

1. Strategic Area one: Task Force: Ted, Crystal, Rosie, Mike, Kristina, Tommy-Jean, and Jim H
2. Strategic Area two: Task Force: Jesse, Ali, Bruce, Amelia, Kate, Thelda and Jim A
3. Area three: Task Force: Loretta, Pam, Abdoul, Barbara and Lakshmi

12:35 pm CHAT / Safe Space update: **Leslie Johnson.** A motion for

the Council donating \$200.00. was made, seconded and approved. During the discussion a couple of members offered to personally donate this if the motion did not pass.

12:55 pm **Announcements and reports:**

**Leslie Johnson:**

**Solutions to Homelessness, Loyd Pendleton** October 10<sup>th</sup>. (poster attached)

**Ben Colahan:**

**In celebration of St. Francis**, the patron saint of animals and nature, there will be an interfaith blessing of the animals in Bidwell Park at Cedar Grove on Saturday, Oct. 1st from 11am to 2pm. Please bring your pet, great and small, wise and wonderful, furry, feathery, or scaly, to receive a special blessing from clergy of a variety of traditions. As a reminder, the park requires all pets to be on leashes. Sponsored by the Chico Area Interfaith Council

**Ali Sarsour:**

9th Annual Ali Sarsour Arabic Dinner. Fund Raiser For The Shalom Free Clinic

Saturday, October 1, 2016, 5 30 pm First Christian Church, 295 E Washington Av Chico.

Tickets: Christian & Johnson; Zucchini & Vine; Mr. Copy and at the door. Donation \$15..

**Bryan Plude:**

**Ordination / Installation** All are invited! We will be ordaining and installing our minister, Bryan Plude, in a worship celebration at the church on October 15 at 12 noon. Ministers who wish to process will meet to robe and line up at 11:15. There will be a light lunch available beforehand for those arriving from out of town. Food and drinks will be available after the service. Please RSVP to [office@uuchico.org](mailto:office@uuchico.org).

12:55 pm

Opening Focus contribution for next meeting. Jackie and Kristina

**Next Meeting: October 12, 2016 at 11:45 am at First Baptist Church, Chico**

Please contact Lakshmi Ariaratnam, Secretary for items to be added to the October agenda.