



CHICO AREA INTERFAITH COUNCIL

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Minutes: February 8, 2017

Present: Ted H Sandberg (First Baptist Church); Thomas Kelem (Stonewall); Jim Anderson (Friends); Kristina Carter (Baha'i); Crystal Trimble (Center for Spiritual Living); Rosie White (AQR Sufi Order); Tommy-Jean McGuire (First Christian Church, Chico); Jesse Kearns (First Christian Church); Pamela Beeman (Trinity Methodist); Loretta Steinke (Congregation Beth Israel); Lon Halley (Follower of Christ/Educator Computer Training); Bryan Plude (UUFC); Lakshmi Ariaratnam (Sky Creek Dharma, Chico); Kate McCarthy (CSUC); Bruce Grelle (Trinity VMC/CSUC); Sara Abrams (Congregation Beth Israel); Sandi John (First Baptist Church); John Bergis (Friends Meeting: Quakers); Alyssa Cozine (Catalyst DU Service)

Introductions

Mary Michele: Mary who was an active member of the CAIC passed away on January 24, 2017. In recognition of Mary, Kristina Carter, president, shared a reading written by Mary.

Opening Focus: Presented by Crystal Trimble (see attached information)

Moment of silent prayer

Approval of January Minutes: Minutes approved as written. Pam 1st and Ted 2nd.

Treasurer report:

- Rosie White presented the Treasures Report. She identified that there are member agencies that still need to pay dues for the 2016-2017 period. We received fifty dollars in dues, and the full repayment of funds. Total funds now at \$8,114.24
Lon Halley asked how he could pay dues as an individual. There is not an answer at this time but this issue will need to be addressed in the future.
- Prior to the completion of the treasury report it was identified that Jim Henson had repaid the monies. This occurred at a meeting, called by the Justice Committee at Jim Hensen's request per the signed agreement from previous meetings. The Committee met on January 27, 2017. At that meeting Jim presented the CAIC with \$7647.29. This action increased the monies in the CAIC treasury. A letter will be sent to Jim Henson stating that the CAIC will not press charges once he has met all the agreed upon requirements. The letter was approved, 1st by Loretta Steinke and 2nd by Lakshmi Ariaratnam.
- Payments to Scott Winter Consulting were reinstated since the funds are now available. Check sent.

Committee Meetings:

- The CAIC members were asked to select a committee that they were interested in and join the CAIC officer (president, vice-president, secretaries and treasure) already assigned to that committee (Finance Committee, Community Outreach Committee, Public Relations/Technology Committee and Education Committee). The goal was to look at the purposed committee structure, decide the focus of the committee, and set their next meeting date. The following is the decisions made by each of the four committees:

- **Education and Event Committee:**

Members: Jesse Kearns, Kate McCarthy, Bruce Grelle, Bryan Plude, Lon Halley

Areas of Interest: Internships, Public Forums, Annual meeting in cooperation with Outreach.

Next Meeting: Feb. 22, 2017 at 12:00 pm at First Christian Church, Chico in the Bethany Room

From the proposed Committee Structure including purpose, members and responsibilities

Purpose:

To provide the Chico community with education about all faith groups in order to foster spiritual knowledge and enlightenment. A minimum of one to two educational events will be organized and implemented, (or partnered with other existing community events) which encourage all faith groups to participate and share their ideas of spirituality with the greater Chico community.

Members:

- CAIC Vice-President
- One to four members

Responsibilities

- Schedule two (2) public forums each year
- Plan annual June meeting
- Participate or create one (1) to two (2) educational events each year
- Partner with CSU-Chico and Butte College as opportunities arise

○ **Finance Committee:**

Members: Rosie White, Loretta Ann Steinke, Thomas Kelem, Ted H. Sandberg

Areas of Interest:

Next Meeting: February 27, 2017 at 10:00

From the proposed Committee Structure including purpose, members and responsibilities

Purpose:

To regulate and delegate funds to appropriate sources after establishing an annual budget that incorporates the mission of CAIC. The committee is responsible for the financial health of the organization and will meet twice per year or more if necessary, to set the budget and to ensure adherence to the budget.

Members:

- CAIC Treasurer
- One (1) to three (3) CAIC members

Responsibilities:

- Create budget for the year based on requests from each Standing Committee
- Determine funding for projects and events that may come up during the year
- Determine how funds will be raised to meet the budget
- To annually provide for an informal audit of funds

○ **Community Outreach Committee:**

Members: Kristine Carter (864-0295), Jackie Leser (570-6724), Jim Anderson (345-3429), John Berger (893-2371), Tommye-Jean McGuire (510-459-8364)

Areas of Interest: Reaching out into the Chico community to support those activities that have been identified as priorities for Chico. Development of an orientation program for new members.

Next Meeting: March 6 at 1:00 pm at First Christian Church, Chico in Bethany Rm.

From the proposed Committee Structure including purpose, members and responsibilities.

Purpose:

To identify (prioritize need), plan, organize and implement one or two-community outreach projects to respond to the spiritual needs of the community. These projects must support and coincide with CAIC goals and mission to make a positive impact on the greater Chico community. Projects can be as simple as an organized interfaith prayer service in response to community needs. This group will collaborate with other community organizations to support their projects with like-minded goals and missions.

Members:

- President
- Two (2) to four (4) CAIC members

Responsibilities:

- Expand and diversify membership of the council
- Develop or participate in one (1) community service project each year
- Promote unifying activities with member of faith communities and organizations
- Develop social events to build relationships inside and outside of CAIC
- Respond to the spiritual needs of the Chico community based on current events

○ Public Relations/Technology Committee:

Members: Crystal Trimble (530-570-45-4579), Lakshmi Ariaratnam (518-4355), Alyssa Cozine (343-7711-work/530-415-0902-cell), Pamela Beeman (781-4884 cell), Rabbi Sara Abrams (323-942-1865-cell & 530-342-6146-work)

Areas of Interest:

Next Meeting: February 22, 2017 at 11:45

From the proposed Committee Structure including purpose, members and responsibilities**Purpose:**

The purpose of this group is to act as the 'face' of CAIC. They will make decisions on how to interact with the media and inform the public of events, which may include the making, and dispersing of event flyers/invitations in the community. They will also support the CAIC web page and other social media sites as needed and determined by the committee.

Members:

- CAIC Secretary
- Two (2) to Three (3) CAIC members

Responsibilities:

- Create and maintain Web page
- Create and maintain Facebook page
- Develop a system to notify members of immediate concerns
- Promote CAIC activities in the media
- Develop media contacts

Each committee shared the results of their committee's work with the members.

New Business:

The topic of supporting fellow faith communities that might feel threatened during these current times was discussed. Various members of our Interfaith Community had reached out to the Islamic Center and they said they do feel supported and safe here in Chico. They welcome people to join them during their prayer services but at this time they do not need any additional support. It was also discussed that there are other communities that experience negative interactions such as anti-semitic activities, and the Interfaith Council reaffirmed that they are here for all those in need of additional support.

Announcements and reports:

Tom Kelem: Trans Week Information,

Jim Anderson: Understanding Competing Narratives In Israel/Palestine,

Lon Halley: Jewish History OLLI Class

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm

Next Meeting: March 8, 2017 at 11:45 AM at First Baptist Church, Chico. Bring your lunch if you would like.