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Minutes – March 10th, 2021 CAIC Monthly (Zoom) Meeting @ 11:30-1pm
Zoom Meeting ID: 397 629 2568
Password: 5303433727

11:36 am **Introductions:** Pamela Beeman, Trinity United Methodist; Lucy Gould AVP; Gail Hill Chico First Baptist Church; Jesse Kearns, First Christian Church; Bruce Grelle, Trinity United Methodist Church; Marv Megibow, Congregation Beth Israel; Bryan Plude, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship; Kristina Carter Bahai Faith; Rebecca Olsen CAIC Intern; Lisa Rappaport, Congregation Beth Israel, Chico; Kristy Collins, Hillel of Chico/Jewish Student Union; Jim anderson Friends Meeting; Barbara Mann, 1st Christian; Nancy Thompson, 1st Christian; Becca Olsen and the intern for Chico Area Interfaith Council; Leslie and Bob Johnson, CHAT; Cindi Hoover, Chico Havurah; Rev. Grant Vaughn, Chico Street Ministry

11:40 am **Approval of February Minutes:** Marv moved, Pamela 2nd. Approved.

11:42 am **Treasurer report:** Gail Hill

- Treasurer's Report
 - Savings, 6,139.90; Checking \$2,466.68; As of 2/28/21 Total \$8,606.58
- Membership Dues for FY 20-21

11:43 am **Old Business:**

- Safe Space and CHAT Updates - Gail Hill
 - Casey's Place: a short-term emergency shelter for the medically vulnerable.
- CHAT Update: Leslie Johnson and Bob Trausch - Thanks to Chico Friends for opening their Fellowship Hall to a homeless woman with serious illness. She was able to have respite and friendship, and was able to spend time in warmth and safety as she transitioned into hospice care. She now has moved on to a nursing facility.

CHAT's newest rental house is reserved for individuals that are the most vulnerable with serious medical needs, and is called Mercy House. Faith Lutheran and Congregation Beth Israel will be acting as companion-helpers to the residents. CHAT has about 60 houses now with different sizes and number of tenants. CHAT would welcome other congregations that would like to "adopt" a house and see to the direct needs of that home with specific individuals like shopping, medical appointments etc.

- **Committee Meeting Reports**

- Education Report - Jesse/Kristy - Screenshare of **Dialogue & Dessert Annual Event - Thursday, May 6th 7-8:30pm UNITY IN DIVERSITY**
- Social Justice - Jim/Susan - Social Justice within our faith community. Inviting representatives from different faith groups to share about their work and how it relates to their faith. Goal to be informed and to coordinate within town. Potential \$30,000 grant for social justice concerns within our

community. Members of CAIC may receive \$1,400 grant checks, Jim requests that you may bring those grants funds to this space to maximize efforts.

11:55 am **New Business:**

- Pamela Beeman - the idea of CAIC creating a "clearinghouse" for volunteer opportunities - so many local agencies are trying to get the word out. Turns out there is one, Caring Choices, but their list of opportunities looked a little thin. Creek cleanups, food banks - we have lots of connections, and we know lots of people looking for opportunities. <http://caring-choices.org/>
- This is from Caring Choices Director Karla Schulze: Thank you for reaching out! Our HandsOn NorCal website is exactly that! A place for volunteers to look for volunteer opportunities and for local organizations to post volunteer events/opportunities. Volunteers can easily sign up and schedule when they would like to volunteer, and organizations can track volunteers hours, have contact info for volunteers, and easily post new opportunities. It's all free! We launched back in February 2020, and had planned to do a huge roll out and I contacted a ton of local organizations to set up meetings to get all signed up, but alas COVID. We are still looking for organizations to sign up and volunteers to make a profile so they can be able to sign up for volunteer opportunities in the future when more opportunities are available. Right now I haven't been able to find many opportunities for volunteers due to COVID, but I am hoping the summer will bring some more opportunities!

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11:58 pm **Announcements & Future Happenings**

Bethel AME dedication of renovations including re-hanging of Lizzie the Steeple Bell this Saturday at 10 AM - outdoors, masked-&-distanced

General Meeting

12:02 pm **Welcome/Prayer** - Reb Lisa Rappaport

12:04 pm **Introductions**

12:10-12:45 pm **Book in Common Speaker** (35 min)

Rev. Eileen Brownell, Christ Light Ministries and Chico PD Chaplain, Former instructor at CSULong Beach, Coastline Community College and owner of Training Solutions.

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For Zoom recording, please click here!

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BvQZM5h5f6NjvtLDhcXum5nP6Ms_1CLV/view?usp=sharing

12:45-1 pm Q&A with Rev. Eileen Brownell

Next Business Meeting: April 14th, at 11:30AM-1PM