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Minutes: January 10th 2018

Present: Kristina Carter (Baha'i); Crystal Trimble (Center for Spiritual Living Chico); Jesse Kearns (First Christian, Chico); Rosie White (Qadiri Rifai Sufi Order); Jim Anderson (Friends); Gail Hill (FBC of Chico); Wendy Smith (Chico Food Project); Jackie Leser (Baha'i); Leslie Johnson (CHAT); Robert Trausch (CHAT); Gordon Gregory (Citizen's Climate Lobby); Carrie McGranahan (Citizen's Climate Lobby); Julie Heath (Citizen's Climate Lobby); Thomas Kelem (Stonewall); Ben Colahan (Faith Lutheran)

Introductions: Each person present stated their name and any agency affiliation.

Opening Focus: Jesse Kearns (First Christian, Chico)

Moment of silent prayer: Followed the Opening Focus

Guest Speakers:

1st speaker was Gordon Gregory from Citizen's Climate Lobby. The citizen's non partisan, grassroots group was started 10 years ago in California. There are now 400 chapters and the one in Chico started last year. Gordon reviewed their goals and accomplishments and asked if any individual or faith group or the CAIC wanted to show support for their work. There are forms and information for anyone that is interested.

2nd speaker was Wendy Smith from Chico Food Project. The CFP supplies blue bags for individuals to fill with food and the CFP will pick them up on the 2nd Saturday of every even month. All the non perishable food items they collect are then immediately distributed to local organizations that feed those in need. Their largest supply goes to the Chico Food Locker and you can drop off your blue bag there directly if it is easier for you. There is also the opportunity to be a driver that picks up the bags on the day of pickup. You can sign up to help by contacting chicofoodproject@gmail.com

Potential speaker from Congregation Beth Israel was unable to attend.

Approval of December Minutes: Minutes were approved. 1st Jackie Leser (Baha'i); 2nd Ben Colahan (Faith Lutheran)

Treasurer report: The January 2018 Treasurers Report emailed to membership. Rosie White reviewed the report. There is a total of \$9,728.39 in the CAIC bank accounts (Checking account - \$3621.60 and Savings Account - \$6106.79). Current expenses for this year so far has been \$424.00 so we are still within our Budget at this time. Rosie confirmed that she will not be able to continue as Treasurer next year so she encouraged those present to consider running for the open position.

Reports:

○ **Education and Event Committee: Jesse Kearns**

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

Report: The group did not meet but they are working on creating an event for the Spring that revolves around the theme: "What people don't understand about my religion". This event is open to all and its intention is to reinforce our year's theme of Unity with Diversity.

Next Meeting: TBA. Check Emails for dates and times if interested in attending. All are welcome.

○ **Finance Committee: Rosie White**

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

Report: No official meeting, but Rosie and Thomas both reported that the budget is looking good and things are on track.

Next Meeting: TBA. Check Emails for dates and times if interested in attending. All are welcome.

○ **Interfaith Relations Committee: Kristina Carter**

Members: Kristina Carter, Jackie Leser, Jim Anderson, John Berger, Tommye-Jean McGuire

Report: No meeting last month. Kristina reminded us that last month's meeting had small group discussions that were specifically created to facilitate more communication, connection and understanding among the Interfaith members. She said that many members had shared that they enjoyed that part of the meeting and she asked if we would like to incorporate something like that within each meeting. There was some discussion and it was concluded that we should try to do it but keep it to a 10-15 minute range. Book club event was rescheduled to get greater attendance and the new date will be shared soon..

Next Meeting: TBA. Check Emails for dates and times if interested in attending. All are welcome.

○ **Public Relations/Technology Committee: Crystal Trimble**

Members: Crystal Trimble, Lakshmi Ariaratnam , Alyssa Cozine, Pamela Beeman, Rabbi Sara Abrams, Barbara Mann

Report: Kristina Carter shared that she had created a letter to send to the Chico ER based on the discussion we had at the last meeting about the "Pastor Talks" section of the ER. The letter shared our idea of changing the name to something that was more inclusive and open to more than just Pastors within a faith group. That letter will go out soon.

Next Meeting: TBA. Check Emails for dates and times if interested in attending. All are welcome.

Old Business

- **Gandhi's Gift:** The film Gandhi's Gift being shown on January 27th and 28th, 2018. Tickets are currently available for purchase. There are still opportunities to volunteer at the evening showing. The needs are 3 fruit plates, 2 cracker plates, and 2 cheese plates, in addition to clean up help that night from 9-9:30PM. To follow up from the questions presented last month: there has been a \$10 dollar ticket added for students and seniors, and the request for a refund if there was a profit was not fully addressed by the CSLC Stewardship Council yet, but in general the feeling is that if there is a profit that the CAIC will be considered in either a tithe type gift or some other reasonable compensation. At this point it's an unknown since they will not know if there is profit until it is all said and done.
- **Pastors Talk Column in the Enterprise Record:** See notes in Public Relations Committee, previously discussed.
- **Increasing CAIC Membership:** Kristina Carter said that we are working on a brochure/flyer item to include with the letter and that it should be done soon.

New Business

- **Upcoming Elections for new Officers:** Elections are coming up soon. Next month we will be looking for volunteers for the Nominating Committee, so members were encouraged to consider either being on that committee or run for an open position. Due to the fact that Tommye-Jean will be out of town for approximately 6 months there was a request also placed for someone to volunteer to help Crystal in the Co-Secretary position. The main need is to be responsible for the meeting minutes and agenda. Gail Hill did mention she might have someone that could help out temporarily.

Announcements and Reports:

- There were a number of announcements made regarding upcoming events: Janice Joplin fundraiser for CHAT, Ali Annual Birthday Dinner another fundraiser for CHAT and Shalom Free Clinic, Showing of the movie "Light to the World", and Stonewall's TransWeek coming up at the end of March, first part of April. Email the flyers to CAIC secretary email and they will send them to the membership.
- Please contact the Secretaries if you have announcements to be added to the February agenda.

Volunteer to do the December Opening Focus: Ben Colahan (Faith Lutheran)

Next Meeting: February 14th, 2018 at 11:45 a.m. at First Baptist Church, Chico