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Minutes of meeting October 12, 2016

Present: Tom Kelem (Stonewall); Ted H Sandberg (First Baptist Church); Ali Sarsour (Moslem Association); Jim Anderson (Friends); Jackie Leser (Bahai) Kristina Carter (Bahai); Rosie White (Qadiri Rifai Sufi Order); Bryan Plude (UU fellowship); Mike Newman (Roman Catholic); Justin Lin (Alternatives to Violent Project); Barbara Mann (First Christian) Tommy-Jean Mcguire (First Christian); Lakshmi Ariaratnam (Sky Creek Dharma Center); Kate McCarthy (CSUC); Jesse Kerns (First Christian church); Bruce Grelle (Trinity Methodist); Mary Mitchell (First Christian).

Opening Focus: Jackie Leser and Kristina Carter. Shared the Baha'i belief of one God and the oneness of all religious teachings. The Baha'is believe in progressive revolution and that manifestations are sent throughout time to build on the teaching of the previous manifestation, thus the oneness of all religions.

Moment of silent prayer

Approval of September Minutes: Lakshmi, Secretary - distributed as attachment with agenda prior to the meeting. Approved with 2 minor corrections – typo on Scott Winter's name and missing summary of Opening focus.

Treasurer report: Rosie White, Treasurer. Original account in Tri Counties Bank is closed. Total of \$78.52 from both savings and checking accounts in cash is in the possession of Treasurer. Rosie is in the process of establishing a new no-fees account with Golden 1 Credit Union and the counsel discussed the need to have all three officers be custodians of the account. It was also agreed that once the account has been established that the treasurer will bring the bank statement to the monthly CAIC meeting for others to review. The goal is transparency & checks and balances. The Administrative Task Force will also discuss additional safeguards when they meet in the next week or two. All members were asked to consult with their faith-based-Treasurers to see if they know when each member had paid dues. There is no sign of any documentation about who has paid annual dues and/or when.

Introductions: Names and Affiliations by all 17 attendees.

Discussion Items:

CAIC Annual Dinner 10/18: Update was given by various committee's:

Food, Set-Up and Decorations: Tommy-Jean – arrangements for set up and food are coming along well. We'll need help on the day of the event with set up, food service and clean up, please contact Tommy-Jean if you are available. There was a sign up of those who wanted to help and 9 individuals signed up. Set- up starts at 3 pm.

Program: Kate - The program by the students is progressing well, the videos are almost ready. She requested Council members to help facilitate small group discussions and try to make sure that there is at least one member at each table. CSUC is paying for the students food, \$1,000.00 One University staff will be available to pay with a credit card at the time of purchase. Tommy-Jean will coordinate with this person, when purchasing items for the dinner. CAIC Interim President was asked to do the opening remarks at the dinner and Kate would MC the rest of the event.

CAIC Business and Reports

Administrative Task Force: has met once and will meet again soon to work on the by-laws to prevent any recurrence of the situation we are in.

Restorative Justice (RJ) Task Force: The three officers, Jim Anderson and Kim Felix (former treasurer) met with Tami Ritter and Michael Coyle, the RJ facilitators on Monday the 10th. Tami was trying to meet with Jim Henson – we heard from him Tuesday, the 11th night that he was in a hospital in Vallejo and was discharged that evening. After she meets with him we'll schedule the RJ Conference.

In the RJ process the facilitators meet with the perpetrator and those harmed separately and then arrange a time for a RJ Conference (or sometimes called RJ Circle) with both parties, to arrive at a suitable resolution.

At the Conference:

The perpetrator will be asked the following questions, to respond to challenging behavior:

- What happened?
- What were you thinking of at that time
- What have you thought about since?
- Who has been affected by what you have done? In what way?
- What do you think you need to do to make things right?

Those harmed by other's actions will be asked these Restorative questions to help them:

- What did you think when you realized what had happened?
- What impact has this incident had on you and others?
- What has been the hardest thing for you?
- What do you think needs to happen to make things right?

Since this situation is complex as not only the three remaining three officers who had to deal with this, but the entire Council has been affected by the action, we discussed who would

participate in the RJ process as ‘those harmed’! Kristina, the Interim President circulated a signup sheet “I would like to join the RJ Process”. Ten people indicated their willingness to join, but 3 said they would participate if the group was not too large.

The secretary will contact them to meet with the facilitators, before the Conference.

Winter Consulting Group update: Our November 9th meeting will be the 2nd workshop we missed due to Scott Winter being stranded in an airport. The 4th workshop in this series will be scheduled after the 3rd in February. We discussed the idea of meeting for a longer time on Nov 9 but there was no resolution on the topic and the meeting will be the typical time and length. Jesse reported that Scott is dedicated to CAIC and will continue his work with us without compensation given our current financial situation.

Outreach Task Force: Jesse Kerns aired his first inner faith radio show last week. The topic was homelessness and he had three CAIC members as ¾ of the guests. They were Jackie, Ted and Kristina

Announcements and reports:

- The A21 Campaign: *To Abolish Modern day Slavery One Step at a Time*. October 15th 2016. Chico downtown plaza registration 1:30 pm, walk 2:00 – 4:30. www.a21.org/walk
- Tom Kelem - LGBT*Q+ City council Forum Monday October 17, 2016 6:45 pm at Chico City Council Chambers.
- He also distributed 2 flyers –
 - A message of Hope, it Gets Better – Choir at the Laxson Auditorium on Friday the 14th at 7:30 pm;
 - Out of the Darkness Community walks at the Chico City plaza on Saturday the 15th www.afsp.org/chico

Opening Focus contribution for next meeting. Mary Mitchel agreed to do the next opening for the November meeting

Next Meeting: November 9, 2016 at 11:45 am at First Baptist Church, Chico.