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Minutes: October 11, 2017

Present: Thomas Kelem (Stonewall); Jesse Kearns (First Christian, Chico); Tommy-Jean McGuire (First Christian, Chico); Loretta Steinke (Congregation Beth Israel); Bruce Grelle (Trinity VMC/CSUC); Jim Anderson (Friends); Lon Halley (Friend of Christ); Alyssa Cocine (Catalyst DV Services); Cindy Hoover (Chico Havarah); Ted H. Sandberg (First Baptist), Barbara Mann (First Christian, Chico); Ben Culahal (Faith Lutheran); Gail Hill (FBC of Chico); Bryan Plude (Unitarian); Leslie Johnson, (CHAT); Rosie White, (Qadiri Rifai Sufi Order); Pamela Beeman (Trinity Methodist); Jackie Leser (Spiritual Assembly of Baha'i); Anne Tsong (Public); Jim Anderson (Friends); Charles Withuhn (CHAT); Ben Colahan (Faith Luthern)

Guest Speaker: Charles Withuhn from CHAT (Chico Housing Action Team) Tiny House Group spoke about transforming housing for our housing challenged by building a Simplicity Village. He invited the membership to attend the Chico City Council meetings to support the building of a Simplicity Village in Chico.

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

Moment of silent prayer: Followed the presentation.

Volunteer to do the October Opening Focus: Lon Halley (Friend of Christ)

Approval of September Minutes: Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer report: Rosie White identified: \$225 has been donated in honor of Mary Mitchel a long time member of the Interfaith Council who passed away in February of 2016 and that the purchase of the CAIC banner would be an appropriate use of monies from that fund. A motion was made to take the 54.00 from the fund to purchase the CAIC banner. The motion was seconded and carried.

Rosie gave the treasurers report. There is a total of \$9109.96 in the CAIC bank accounts (Checking account - \$3005.93 and Savings Account - \$6103.73).

Reports:

- **Education and Event Committee:** Jesse Kearns
Members: Jesse Kearns, Kate McCarthy, Bruce Grelle, Bryan Plude, Lon Halley
Activities: The members of the Education and Event Committee have finalized the program for the annual dinner which is scheduled for: October 19th. See flyer for finalized program. They met today and at a future program to be presented in the spring.
Next Meeting: Nov. 8, 2017 -10:30 am in the conference room at First Baptist Church. All are welcome.
- **Finance Committee:** Rosie White
Members: Rosie White, Loretta Ann Steinke, Thomas Kelem, Ted H. Sandberg
Activities: Dinner Tickets
Next Meeting: To be announced. Check Emails for dates and times if interested in attending. All are welcome.
- **Interfaith Relations Committee (formerly the Community Outreach Committee):** Kristina Carter

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

Activities: Currently working on a Café Table Discussion for the December meeting and scheduling a Crop walk in the Spring.

Discussion: Jim Anderson brought up at the October meeting the use of the CAIC civic voice. It was identified that several of our committees will be involved in this topic.

Next Meeting: November 6, 2017 – 1:30- First Christian Church. All are welcome.

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

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

Next Meeting: To be announced. Check Emails if interested in attending. All are welcome.

Old Business:

- **Scott Winters:** Jesse has not been able to get a response from Scott regarding when he will meet with us. We are going to wait for Scott to contact us. **Annual Dinner:** The dinner will be held at First Christian Church, Chico on Thursday, October 19th. The Dinner committee identified that the regular meal will be rotisserie chicken, salad, rice, naan and brownies/whipped cream. The vegan meal will be an eggplant casserole, rice, salad, naan and vegan brownies. Barbara Mann identified that the decoration committee will decorate on Tuesday, October 17th. Tommye-Jean McGuire identified that people were needed to cutup chicken and do clean up following the meal. Kristina Carter our president and also a Chico University instructor is offering extra credit to her Health Science students for serving food at the dinner. Tickets are still being sold and a final count of the number sold will be available on Tuesday. Use of the web site for selling tickets is working as a method for the sale of tickets.
- **CAIC Banner:** The new banner was on display and will be displayed at the CAIC dinner. Jesse passed around a list containing the names of the organizations represented and asked for any corrections that needed to be made.
- **CAIC By-laws:** Motion made and seconded to accept the by-laws as proposed. Motion was carried by full vote of the membership.
- **CAIC Budget:** Motion made and seconded to accept the budget as proposed. Discussion ensued regarding the fact that the proposed budget depicted a negative balance. Clarification on the budget to indicate that reserves will be used to make up the indicated deficit.

New Business:

- A motion was made: Write and read a letter to the Chico City Council endorsing the CAIC's support of the concept of building a Simplicity Village in Chico. The motion was amended to include giving the letter to the Enterprise Record and News and Review. The motion was seconded and carried.

Announcements and Reports:

- *Jackie Lester invited everyone to the Baha'i Faith Light of Unity Festival on October 22, 2017*
- Please let the secretaries know if you did not receive a copy of the by-laws or budget
- *Please contact the Secretaries if you have announcements to be added to the October agenda.*
- It is now time to pay membership dues for the July 2017 - June 2018 fiscal year.
- Everyone is encouraged to participate in the book review on "Generation iY" by Tim Elmore
- People reviewed upcoming events and encouraged the Membership to attend.
- *Loretta Steinke (Congregation Beth Israel) thanked those in the membership for making the Beth Israel congregations attendance at yan Kapoor safer. There were CAIC members present on the grounds of Beth Israel for 24 hours.*

Next Meeting: November 8, 2017 at 11:45 a.m. at First Baptist Church, Chico