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Area  
Interfaith Council



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Agenda - **November 11th, 2020 CAIC Monthly (Zoom) Meeting @ 11:30-1pm**  
**Zoom Meeting ID: 397 629 2568**  
**Password: 5303433727**

**Please sign into the Chat at the beginning of the meeting.**

11:34am **Introductions:** Ted Sandberg, Faith Lutheran Church; Susan Wilson, Chico Friends Meeting; Nancy Thompson, 1st Christian Church; Kristy Collins, Chico Hillel/Jewish Student Union; Marv Megibow, Congregation Beth Israel; Lisa Rappaport, Spiritual Leader Congregation Beth Israel; Cindi Hoover, Chico Havurah; Kristina Carter, Bahai Faith; Lucy Gould, AVP; Gail Hill, Chico First Baptist; Bruce Grelle, Trinity United Methodist; Amber French St Clare, Pagan representative social media secretary; Grant Vaughn: Chico Interfaith Street Ministry, Chico's Guardian Angels; Pamela Beeman, Trinity United Methodist Church; Jesse Kearns, First Christian Church; and Barbara Mann, First Christian Church; Program hour joined; Jim Anderson, Chico Friends Meeting; Sandy John; Rebecca Olsen, CAIC Intern/CSU Chico Panhellenic Rep.

**Approval of October Minutes:** Pam makes a motion to approve. Ted 2nd. Approved.

**Treasurer report:** Gail Hill

- Financial Committee will oversee financial bank statements
- Do subcommittees wish to have a budget? If so, how much? **Please send by the end of this year 2020.**
  - Education, Outreach/Publicity, InterFaith Relations, Social Justice Committee
- Membership Dues for FY 20-21
- Checking Balance as of 9/30/20 \$1,921.68; Savings Balance as of 9/30/20 6,138.88
  - Total Funds: \$8,060.56

**Old Business: Committee Reports:**

- Social Justice Committee: Susan Wilson, also Safe Space, Projected 100 individuals sleep on the streets at night. Project Room Key is not enough and there are several individuals in dire need for medical attention.
  - How can we help? Money is always good. But I get it...we are all suffering the economic effects of covid. There are other ways we can help:
    1. As the nights get colder, could you host (provide shelter, meals, and hopefully some volunteers to staff) 15 to 30 guests (the same guests each night) for a week or more?

2. Would you consider renting facilities not in use due to covid to provide shelter if those facilities could be staffed by Safe Space case workers, monitors, and volunteers?
3. Can you donate items to Project Room Key? Attached is a list of items needed. Some donations would be used for people currently in rooms and some for people they must turn away.
4. Can you take in a family or two?
5. Do you know of any affordable housing options that you can share with case workers?
6. Do you know any mental health care professionals willing to donate hours?
7. Would you be willing to write to the local, county, and/or state government advocating for change?

- Education Committee - Plan on meeting in the next week or two regarding Book in Common and how the book will inform our spring event. Kristy will be added to group.
- Outreach Committee - Renew and Resilience Videos that help with spiritual and emotional wellness for Camp Fire survivors especially during COVID.
- Executive Committee - Jesse reported on Tiny Houses

**Program:**

- Opening Focus: Rev. Jesse Kearns
- Topics: Opening discussion of Book in Common led by Marv Megibow and Reb Lisa.
  - Book in Common: Ibram X. Kendi's "How to Be an Antiracist"**
    - Tikkun Olam, not to stand idly with silence, saving lives, Okay
      - 5 weeks: 1st session mostly making a safe space to discuss and to also inform participants that there will be no closure on this topic or in these sessions. Each week covered 3 chapters with supplemental questions. Participants were guided by the structure but had flexibility within the discussions.
    - Group Discussion: Kendi is clear in his writings, what can you do to make changes in and to "the system" and not just as individuals? For the annual event, how can we address the whole spectrum of "ism's"?
    - Motion made by Kristy - CAIC will use the structural format presented by Marv and Reb Lisa from 5 weeks to 5 months focusing on 3-4 chapters from the book in common each month starting in January - May 2021. Motion amended to include that the Education Committee can make decisions on format within the one-hour educational session to meet the needs of the group and to get the optimum time and learning ratio. Pamela 2nd. Unanimously approved.
    - We then watched this interview from PBS Ibram X. Kendi on "How to Be an Antiracist" | Amanpour and Company
      - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CRtkZemTpM8>

**Announcements:**

- **Run for Food - Make a donation and walk in groups in lieu of doing a larger event. Thanksgiving 26th at 9am live on Facebook.**
- **Local Bloodbank is feeling a shortage so please make a blood donation (especially in need of 0+0-)**