



CHICO AREA INTERFAITH COUNCIL

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Minutes of meeting December 14, 2016

Present: Tom Kelem (Stonewall); Ted H Sandberg (First Baptist Church); Jim Anderson (Friends); Kristina Carter (Baha'i); Crystal Rosie White (AQR Sufi Order); Tommy-Jean McGuire (First Christian); Jesse Kearns (First Christian Church); Bruce Grelle (Trinity Methodist); Mary Mitchel (First Christian); Pamela Beeman (Trinity Methodist); Loretta Steinke (Congregation Beth Israel); Sara Abrams (Congregation Beth Israel); Crystal Trimble (Chico New Thought); Debbie Lammers (Faith Lutheran); Ben Colahan (Faith Lutheran); Justin Lin (AVP/CPJC); Alyssa Cozine (Catalyst DV Services); Anne Tsong (Public); Megan Kurtz (Guest); Tracy Davis (Guest)

Opening Focus: Jesse Kearns presented a meditation by Sri Dhammananda found in a book of meditation on interfaith relations.

Moment of Silent Prayer.

Approval of November Minutes: Minutes approved as written.

Treasurer report: The December Treasurers report was distributed. Rosie White, Treasurer highlighted areas from the report. Account #1911794 has been opened at the Golden 1 Credit Union: Checking has a balance of \$250.95 and savings has a balance of \$100.00. The statement was reviewed and signed by T. McGuire at the Executive Committee Meeting on December 5, 2016. The statement is available today for review and signatures of those who review. Annual dues for 2016-2017 are now due and payable. The Treasurer's report was approved by the membership.

Introductions: Names and Affiliations by all attendees.

Community Activity: Kristin introduced Tracy Davis. Tracy asked for support of an upcoming event that will take place on January 21st in downtown Chico. The plan is to hold a Women's March on Washington in Chico. The event will include speakers and activities. The focus of the event is on women and people who are afraid. If interested in participating as one of the speakers or as a participant they are having a planning meeting on Saturday, December 17th. She can be contacted at tracydavislaw@yahoo.com.

Old Business:

Meeting Time Exploration: All members were asked to fill out a questionnaire about the availability and viability of increasing attendance with a change to our monthly meeting time. Kristina Carter distributed a summary of the results. It was agreed that based on the results of the questionnaire that the meeting time would not be changed. Everyone agreed that bringing our lunches to eat during the meeting, which was done in the past, would be revitalized. Discussion ensued regarding what to do when the Wednesday meeting day fell on a Holy Day. It was decided that the Executive Committee would look ahead and bring to the membership any conflicts that this would be happening. If a conflict the meeting would move to Thursday at the same time.

Henson Agreement: A copy of the agreement made by the CAIC selected representatives (Kristin Carter, Rosie White, Jim Anderson, Lakshmi Ariaratnam, Tom Kelem) at the AVP/CPJC five hour meeting with Jim Henson and his parents was distributed. Much discussion ensued after the representatives gave their report and shared the agreement. Kristin passed out a draft of a thankyou note to the counselors of AVP/CPJ who willing gave their time to help with the process.

A Letter for Compassion and Equality: Kristin passed out a letter drafted by Kate McCarthy and Jesse Kearns that identified how the CAIC would respond to issues of compassion and equality in the community. Concern was expressed that we needed to be able to respond timely to issues occurring in the community and the members agreed. Distribution of the letter was discussed. It was decided to reduce the size of the letter in order to publish a shortened version in the Enterprise Record's letters to the editor. Recommendations made by the membership will be included in the final copy. A motion was made by Jim Anderson to have those currently working on the letter move forward and get the letter completed and distributed. Motion was seconded by Ted Sandberg, all present agreed to the motion. The completed letter will be sent to all of the faith community and put on the CAIC facebook site.

Scott Winters Availability for Workshop: Scott Winters gave dates of his availability to Jesse Kearns. A Doodle poll will be distributed to the membership identifying the dates Scott is available. The date receiving the most votes will be selected.

Announcements and Reports

- **Education and Events:** Jesse Kearns will be continuing to host Peace and Justice Radio shows on KZFR .His program will focus on concerns related to the Interfaith Counsel. The program will be aired on the third Friday of the month from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM.
- **Community Outreach:** Their task force needed to set up another meeting and has been waiting for feedback from Scott Winters at the upcoming workshop before doing this.
- **Administrative Task Force:** Will set up a meeting after January 1, 2017,

Next Meeting: January 11th at 11:45 AM at First Baptist Church, Chico. Bring your lunch if you would like.