



CHICO AREA INTERFAITH COUNCIL

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Minutes: May 10, 2017

Present: Kristina Carter (Bahai'); Crystal Trimble (Center for Spiritual Living); Thomas Kelem (Stonewall); Jesse Kearns (First Christian I); Tommy-Jean McGuire (First Christian Church, Chico); Pamela Beeman (Trinity Methodist); Loretta Steinke (Congregation Beth Israel); Bryan Plude (UUFC); Lakshmi Ariaratnam (Sky Creek Dharma Center); Bruce Grelle (Trinity VMC/CSUC); John Berger (Friends Meeting: Quakers); Barbara Mann (First Christian Church); Ali Sarsour (Muslin Admin. Committee); Kate McCarthy (CSU, Chico); Jim Anderson (Friends); Ted Sandberg (First Baptist); Gail Hill (First Baptist, Chico); Cindy Hightower (First Baptist); Ali Sarsour (Muslin Admin.); Jackie Leser (Bahai Faith); Rosie White (AQRT Sufi Order)

Guest Speaker: There was not a speaker but it was identified that if someone wants to speak at one of our meetings that they needed to contact a member of the Executive Team a week prior to the meeting to make arrangements to speak.

Introductions: All present introduced themselves and stated the agency they are affiliated with.

Opening Focus: Presented by Bryan Plude (UUFC) – Unitarian History and a prayer by J. Murry.

Moment of silent prayer

Volunteer to do the June Opening Focus: Jackie Leser and Crystal Trimble

Approval of March Minutes: Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer report: Rosie White reviewed the expenditures that have occurred since the May meeting. The expenditures were: Logo-\$100.00 and Amin Asfari reception and speaker fee - \$293.00. Monies in the checking account have been moved to savings where the monies will earn interest.
Total between both accounts: \$8542.74

Reports:

All but the Finance Committee and Interfaith Relation Committees met prior to the May meeting. CAIC members were sent a summary of the activities of the committee's that meet.

○ **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 begun to work on the program for the annual dinner which is scheduled for: October 19th.

The members present were asked to sign up for what they were interested in doing on the sign-up sheet. The sheet was passed around for the members to accomplish this task.

Kristina Carter volunteered to make a specific form (attached to these minutes) for signing up to work on the dinner. Please bring the form to the June meeting to indicate where you plan to help assist with the annual dinner. A form will be completed for those who signed up today.

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

Issues to be addressed by CAIC membership: Jesse will be submitting their budget to the Finance committee for inclusion in the proposed 2017-18 budget.

○ **Finance Committee:** Rosie White

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

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

They will also work on the ticket component of the Annual Dinner. See sign up sheet with Rosie's data on it.

They will be working on the 2017-18 budget to present to the membership.

Issues to be addressed by CAIC membership: Approval of budget.

There are organizations that have not paid their 2016-2017. They will be contacted individually.

○ **Community Outreach Committee:** Kristina Carter

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

Areas of Interest: Being developed.

Issues to be addressed by CAIC membership: Will present recommendations of committee at September meeting

Next Meeting: To be announced. Check Emails 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

Areas of Interest: Review attached committee meeting minutes

Issues to be addressed by CAIC membership: The new logo for the CAIC was approved and the award of \$100.00 was given to Jack Ludwigson. Mr. Ludwigson is a Chico High Senior. A banner to be used at events where CAIC is represented has been made by Kristina Carter's dad.

The web site has been updated and being maintained.

Pamela will be working with the Enterprise Record to identify the outcome of the competition held for the making of the CAIC logo.

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

Old Business:

- **Scott Winter's Next Workshop:** Jesse Kearns asked the membership when they would prefer to have the next workshop. After some discussion it was decided that a Saturday in November after 1:00 pm was the preferred time and day of the week.
- Ali Sarsour, Chair reported that the Amin Asfari Reception held on April 21st at First Baptist Church from 2-4 pm was a success. There was plenty of food and everyone had a good time. Only \$43.00 of the \$100.00 allocated was spent thanks to the food donations made by the members.

New Business:

- We were unable to spend time developing a theme for 2017-2018 at our last meeting due to time constraints. Jesse Kearns asked each member to come prepared to discuss

at the May meeting. The idea of developing a theme for the year was one of Scott's recommendations. Kristina Carter, let the group in a very lively discussion. Everyone put their ideas on sticky notes and gave them to Kristina who will make a listing and we will discuss and select one as our theme for 2017-18 at our June Meeting.

Announcements and Reports:

- Executive Team planning to work on the CAIC By-laws over the summer. Anyone is welcome to assist. Contact Kristina or one of the other members of the Executive Team.
- Please contact Crystal Trimble or Tommye-Jean McGuire, Secretaries for announcements to be added to the May agenda..Ev
- Executive Team will meet on June 1, 2017 at the -----to set the agenda for the June meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Please review our web site and give feedback to Secretaries! www.chicointerfaith.org
- City Council addressing Homelessness on May 25th at 1:00 pm. The Homeless Task Force will be present.
- Fremont Christian Church, Chico is having a Vacation Bible School from July 17 to 21st. All children from ages 3 to fifth grade are welcome. More to come.
- There will not be any CAIC meeting I July and August.

Next Meeting: June 12, 2017 at 11:45 a.m. at First Baptist Church, Chico