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## Minutes: June 14, 2017

**Present:** Kristina Carter (Bahai'); Crystal Trimble (Center for Spiritual Living); Thomas Kelem (Stonewall); Jesse Kearns (First Christian, Chico); Tommy-Jean McGuire (First Christian, Chico); Pamela Beeman (Trinity Methodist); Loretta Steinke (Congregation Beth Israel); Bruce Grelle (Trinity VMC/CSUC); Ali Sarsour (Muslin Social Action Committee); Jim Anderson (Friends); Jackie Leser (Bahai Faith); Lon Halley (Friend of Christ); Georgeanne Bennett (First Christian, Chico); Alyssa Cocine (Catalyst DV Services); Cindy Hoover (Chico Havarah); Kesha Haynie (AVP); Ted H. Sandberg (First Baptist).

**Guest Speaker:** There was not a speaker. It was identified that if someone wants to speak at the they need to contact a member of the Executive Team a week prior to the meeting to make arrangements to speak.

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

**Opening Focus:** Jackie Lesser and Crystal Trimble presented a video entitled, "Unity of Mankind the Great Human Garden".

**Moment of silent prayer:** Followed the presentation of the video.

**Volunteer to do the June Opening Focus:** Ali Sarsour (Muslin Social Action Committee)

**Approval of May Minutes:** Minutes were approved with corrections.

**Treasurer report:** Kristina Carter reviewed the treasures report in the absence of Rosie White. The total between both the savings and checking account is \$8,578.34. There were no expenses paid out. Thirty-five dollars was received as a donation for past dues.

### **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 are working hard on finalizing the program for the annual dinner which is scheduled for: October 19<sup>th</sup>. Jesse identified some of the speakers and the objectives of the program. Some questions were asked by the members and it was identified that all committee meetings are open to everyone and that the committee's next meetings will be publicized so that those who want can attend can. The committee members are also willing to take questions to the meeting for persons that are unable to attend. Sign up-sheets were available to allow the members present to sign up for a task or multiple tasks to perform at the dinner. The secretaries will make the form available to the membership via email.  
**Next Meeting:** To be announced. Check Emails for next date 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 for the Annual Dinner scheduled for October. The Treasurer has a number of responsibilities at the Annual Dinner. The goal is to break even, i.e., the sale of the tickets covers all of the cost of the dinner.

They will be working on the 2017-18 budget to present to the membership for approval in September.

Tickets for the dinner will be available at the September meeting.

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

*It is now time to pay membership dues for the July 2017 - June 2018 fiscal year.*

○ **Interfaith Relations Committee (formerly the 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 committee recommendations at the September meeting. Currently working on a Café Table Discussion possibly for the December meeting and scheduling a Crop walk in the Spring. The Committee plans to submit budget needs for the upcoming fiscal year to the Finance Committee for budget needs for the 2017-18 budget after their next meeting.

**Last Meeting:** May 30, 2017

**Next Meeting:** July 5, 2017 at First Christian Church at 1:00 pm. 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 Winter's Workshop:** Jesse has been speaking with Scott and they will come up with the date for the next workshop based on dates of preference provided by the members.
- **CAIC Theme for 2017-2018:** Scott Winter's at our last workshop suggested we develop an annual theme. At our May meeting the members submitted 30 theme ideas. These themes were sent out to the members so they could select one. At the meeting through a process of elimination guided by Kristina we selected: "Unity in Diversity".
- **Status of By-laws:** The Executive Team has completed their review and sent the modified by-laws to several people who agreed to read and review them. The goal is to send out the updated by-laws to everyone for their review in September with a planned vote of acceptance at the October meeting.
- **Sign-up for Annual Dinner:** A sign-up sheet was distributed at the meeting and each attendee was also given an individual sign-up form to complete if they needed time to think about what they could assist with.

**New Business:**

- Jesse and Kristina presented a summary of the 2016-17 CAIC fiscal year accomplishments. It has been a busy year. See attached.

### **Announcements and Reports:**

- The Executive Team is planning to continue work on the CAIC By-laws over the summer. All are welcome to assist. Contact Kristina or one of the other members of the Executive Team if you would like to participate.
- Please contact Crystal Trimble or Tommye-Jean McGuire, Secretaries for announcements to be added to the September agenda.
- The attached flyer was distributed by Kristina regarding the First Annual CAIC Book Club. The plan is to read over the summer the book Generation YiY by Tim Elmore and discuss it at the Book Club meeting which will be sometime in September.
- Thomas Kelem distributed information on the Stonewall Chico Pride Festival scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup> in the Chico City Plaza from 10am to 4pm. A Vendor/Booth Application is attached.
- Fremont Christian Church, Chico is having a Vacation Bible School from July 17 to 21<sup>st</sup>. All children from ages three to fifth grade are welcome. Contact the church office at 530-343-3727 to register a child to attend or if have questions. Registration can be completed on the church website.
- Tommye-Jean identified that Fremont Christian Church is looking to pair up with another faith group to put on a dinner at the Torres Shelter on the fourth Tuesday of each month. If interested please contact her.
- There will not be any CAIC meetings in July and August.

**Next Meeting: September 13, 2017 at 11:45 a.m. at First Baptist Church, Chico**