



July 23, 2015
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Catholic Charities Community Services
4747 North 7th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85013

Engaging and mobilizing faith communities to improve the quality of life for vulnerable and impoverished people through a statewide collaboration of faith-based, community and governmental organizations.

Minutes

I. Welcome, Invocation & Introductions

Chair Gary Kinnaman was out of town; Chuck Fitzgerald welcomed attendees, and read aloud the Council's mission statement.

Cynthia Hardy led attendees in prayer; attendees introduced themselves.

The sign-in sheets may be found, along with previous meeting documentation at: <http://acfbci.org/meeting-archives/>

II. Alice Cooper Solid Rock Foundation Jeff Moore, Executive Director

“A kid's worst enemy is too much time with nothing to do.” ~ Jeff Moore

Jeff shared the history of Solid Rock; this year marks its 20th anniversary. The first 8 ½ years saw Solid Rock raising money for other organizations.

Solid Rock has opened The Rock Teen Center at 13625 N. 32nd Street in Phoenix. The Rock Teen Center inspires teens to grow through music, dance and art. We provide vocational training in sound, lighting, and staging, and fellowship, all in a safe, supervised facility. This relational-based ministry is modeled after Michael W. Smith's Rocket Town in Nashville.

It is difficult to measure success and much of the progress in a child's life is subjective. But we see lives changed every day. The Rock Teen Center is open Monday through Friday from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. It is closed on weekends to ensure family time for the kids (hopefully).

Jeff introduced Randy Spencer, Solid Rock's director of Branding and Partnerships. Randy spoke of Solid Rock's musical talent search – Proof is in the Pudding. Each year 250-300 kids and young adults compete for cash, scholarships, and musical opportunities. The Annual Christmas Pudding event is every December at Comerica Theater in Phoenix.

Videos shown included “Proof is in the Pudding” - <https://youtu.be/dh3ioMIKKH8> and “Rock Teen Center” - <https://youtu.be/z1RJgJMsl-0>

More information at www.alicecoopersolidrock.com



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III. Updates

- a. Arizona Blue Ribbon. April Jones reported the Arizona Rattlers are providing free tickets for their July 26th Arena Football League game against the LA Kiss to foster and kinship families. Foster & Kinship families can register for the event at www.ArizonaBlueRibbon.org. There are nearly 3,000 foster family members registered for the event.
- b. Office of Faith and Community Partnerships. Chuck Fitzgerald shared with attendees that this office has relocated to the Department of Economic Security at 1789 W. Jefferson Street in Phoenix.
- c. Renee Culbertson and Kathleen Winn spoke of two upcoming events.

“A Date with Your Daughter” is designed to make parents and their daughters aware of societal dangers and how to navigate them. It is on August 27th at 6:30 p.m. in Phoenix. Here is the flier: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Date-Daughter.pdf>; registration is at <http://datewithyourdaughter.eventbrite.com>

“Boys Night Out – Fight the New Drug” is about protecting children and families from increasingly sexualized media and entertainment. It is on September 10th at 6:30 p.m. in Phoenix. Here is the flier: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Boys-Night-Out.pdf>; registration is at <http://boysnightout-ftnd.eventbrite.com>

- d. The 3rd Annual Family Connection Fun Day and Back to School Bash at the Salvation Army Kroc Center in south Phoenix on August 1st: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/FamilyConnection.pdf>
- e. Karyn Luke spoke of Joy in July “a gift for teenagers” event being sponsored by Voices for CASA Children (www.voicesforcasachildren.org). If you’d like to help by providing gift cards, you may visit their gift card website at www.roonga.com/joyinjuly or use this flier: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Joy-in-July.pdf>
- f. Alberto Olivas encouraged attendees to attend the Arizona Town Hall - "Keeping Arizona's Water Glass Full" on November 15-18, 2015; Hilton Mesa. For more information visit: http://www.aztownhall.org/Upcoming_Town_Hall.

He also encouraged attendees to apply for the All-America City Award 2016 "Ensuring All Children Are Healthy and Supported to Succeed in School and Life." More information here: <http://www.nationalcivicleague.org/allamericacityaward>

- g. Emily talked about the 2015 R.A.T. Race. The Run Against Trafficking's mission is to raise funds for organizations working to end sex trafficking in Arizona. This year's



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- event will be held on October 3rd in Mesa. Visit their website for all of the details: <http://www.ratraceaz.org/>
- h. Kaley spoke about Camp Swift's programs which facilitate mentor relationships between economically disadvantaged youth and college-bound teens – a mutually beneficial relationship with significant impact on everyone involved. More information here: <https://www.campswift.org/>
 - i. Lisa announced that Arizona Christian University's new Degree Completion Program is now available in Chandler. Here's the information: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/ACU-east-valley.pdf>
 - j. Cynthia Hardy spoke about the Chandler Coalition on Youth Substance Abuse (<http://www.ccsachandler.org/>) and their August 31st Community Call to Action. Here is the flier: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/RX-call-to-action.pdf> and an Arizona data sheet <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Arizona-Rx-Fact-Sheet-Version-3-6.11.15-1.pdf>, and the Initiative Overview http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/RxInitiative_Overview-2.pdf.
 - k. James Estrada spoke of the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office program called "Tough Tents." TOUGH Tents is an anti-drug, anti-crime program aimed at showing kids the realities of jail life before they find out the hard way. Here is the flier: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Tough-Tents.pdf>
 - l. Other updates obtained outside of the meeting:
 - i. AIDS Walk Arizona & 5K Run. All of the information is here: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/AIDS-Walk-Arizona-2015-and-5K-run-Interfaith-Service.pdf>
 - ii. Arizonans for Prevention annual conference in August: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/ArizonansForPrevention.pdf>
 - iii. Lessons Learned in Rural Age-Friendly Communities webinar on July 31st: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Rural-AgeFriendly-webinar.pdf>
- IV. Closing Remarks & Adjourn
- Chuck adjourned the meeting. Next meeting is Thursday, August 27, 2015 at Catholic Charities in Phoenix.

Submitted by
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