



August 27, 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

Chuck Fitzgerald welcomed attendees; Billie Fidlin led attendees in prayer. Attendees introduced themselves. The sign-in sheets, and all other meeting archives, may be found here: <http://acfbci.org/meeting-archives/>

II. Arizona Faith Network

Rev. Erin Tamayo
Executive Director

Rev. Erin Tamayo talked about the recent “re-launch” of the Arizona Ecumenical Council under its new name the Arizona Faith Network (www.azfaithnetwork.org). Rev. Erin’s presentation can be found here: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/PP-Chuck-Fitsg-group-2.pdf>. See this photo taken by April Jones: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/08-27-15-faith-council.jpg>

Also speaking about the Arizona Faith Network was one of their Board members, Rev. Canon Richard Morrison, of the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona. He spoke of the importance of the AFN in our troubled times, and he spoke specifically about the book “Moral Man & Immoral Society” by Reinhold Niebuhr and his idea of “structural sin.” He highly recommends this book on justice, ethics and politics.

III. Updates

- Office of Faith and Community. Chuck Fitzgerald took about 15 minutes and walked attendees through the 8 year history of the state’s Office of Faith and Community. From its inception through his recent dismissal from public service. There was much discussion, and concern, about the future of faith initiatives within state government. Chuck encouraged (urged) everyone to fully support the remaining members of the Office of Faith and Community and the new “faith community” emphasis by the Governor’s Office of Youth, Faith and Family – especially our friend and colleague Billy Thrall.

This discussion ended with a standing Ohhhhhhhh-vation for Chuck’s leadership over the years. (Being from Ohio, I thought it was a sports thing Buckeye fans did). It was led (instigated) by Jerome Parker with Elevate International.

- Arizona Blue Ribbon. Chuck, and April Jones, spoke of the upcoming Foster Care Day at the Diamondbacks sponsored by Mercy Care, Mercy Maricopa, Dignity Health



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and the Arizona Diamondbacks. 1,600 foster family members will be attending the August 29th game, and will be pampered all afternoon by the sponsors and their partners. More information at www.ArizonaBlueRibbon.org.

- Additional announcements:

- “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/BoysNight-Out.pdf>; registration is at <http://boysnightout-ftnd.eventbrite.com>

- Arizona Town Hall - "Keeping Arizona's Water Glass Full" on November 15-18, 2015; Hilton Mesa. For more information please visit their website: http://www.aztownhall.org/Upcoming_Town_Hall.

Also please 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>

- 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 event will be held on October 3rd in Mesa. Visit their website for all of the details: <http://www.ratraceaz.org/>
- Arizona Christian University's new Degree Completion Program is now available in Chandler. Details: <http://acfbci.org/wpcontent/uploads/2015/07/ACU-east-valley.pdf>
- Helping Boys Thrive summit is December 3rd in South Phoenix. Learn about how we can all support boys succeed in their families, schools, careers, and communities. Details and registration at: <http://helpingboysthriveaz.org>

IV. Closing Remarks and Adjourn

Chair Kinnaman adjourned the meeting, after a word of prayer by Jerome Parker. The Council's next meeting is September 24, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Catholic Charities in Phoenix.

Submitted by
Chuck Fitzgerald