

Arizona Council on
Faith-Based and Community Initiatives
Chair Gary Kinnaman
Minutes for February 25, 2010

The Arizona Council on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives is dedicated to engaging and mobilizing all faith communities to improve the quality of life for our most vulnerable and impoverished people through a statewide, action-oriented collaboration of faith-based, community and governmental organizations.

- Welcome & Invocation
 - Chair Gary Kinnaman welcomed attendees. A listing is attached.
- Neal Young, Director of Arizona's Department of Economic Security joined the meeting for a few minutes and thanked everyone for their efforts to ensure the best possible outcomes for children, adults and families in Arizona. Director Young believes we have an opportunity to help one another and the people we all serve. He is grateful to have members of his staff (Chuck and Judith) assisting the Council as it continues to serve Arizonans.
- Update from Governor Brewer's Office.
 - Christina Estes-Werther, Governor Brewer's Policy Advisory for Human Services, indicated a March 2nd launch of ArizonaSERVES. At that time, the Governor will sign the Executive Order for ArizonaSERVES and DES will assist by demoing the new website www.arizonaserves.gov. Chuck will ensure all Council members receive an invite to the launch event, via email.
- Minutes from the January 28th Council meeting were reviewed and accepted
- Nominations for Membership to the Council.
 - Captain Chris Melvin with the Army National Guard was unanimously approved for membership on the Council.
- Updates
 - Convoy of Hope. Chuck spoke about this faith community event to take place at Grand Canyon University on February 27th. 50 churches, 60 community & health services providers, businesses and government agencies will assist approximately 5,000 people. Details are available at www.phoenixconvoyofhope.com.
 - Lift up America. Chair Gary spoke of this collaborative anti-hunger effort led by Dave Hannah with Lift Up America, Jerry Colangelo and other community leaders to begin this spring. Partners from the sports, business, government, faith, hunger and communications sectors are involved. Raising awareness to hunger issues and collecting donations (food and money) are the two main strategies. This collaborative model is being used nationwide. More information will be available at the next Council meeting.
 - Summer Food Service Program. Chuck shared how North Phoenix Baptist Church will be hosting the Arizona Department of Education's Summer Food Service Program Kickoff Summit on March 16th. Chuck will provide an email invite to the Council members. This program is designed to feed children when they are away from school for extended periods of time, such as during summer break. The staff at NPBC is excited about opening it's facility to such a worthy cause. This is a great example of how the faith community can assist in "convening" people around current issues.
- Convene, Connect, Communicate
 - Chair Gary opened a discussion around the Council finding its way and landing upon actionable tasks. He believes we can boil everything down to three words: as a Council, because of "who we are and who we represent," we should Convene, Connect and

Communicate as it pertains to our purpose statement (see top of document). A number of comments/questions were shared during this part of the meeting to include:

- What is our role vs. the role of the ArizonaSERVES taskforce?
 - The Council can choose to support the taskforce or not.
 - Messaging to congregations is confusing; they are overwhelmed with choices
 - Why is ArizonaSERVES a taskforce? That sounds temporary.
 - This Council can think more long term, while ArizonaSERVES is more immediate
 - We cannot give this up. Ongoing efforts need a place to connect.
 - It's all about people. ArizonaSERVES taskforce is a government deal; what about the other sectors? They are here in this group.
 - Should the Council send a letter to the ArizonaSERVES taskforce offering help?
 - Perhaps the Council could take on Hunger over the next couple of quarters
 - We can provide a menu of options to faith organizations
 - We need a website
 - Can the Council do a survey of needs AND resources in the faith community?
 - Would like to see Council members on the ArizonaSERVES taskforce
 - We can work on things that will never be on ArizonaSERVES
- Closing Remarks and Adjourn
 - Chair Gary thanked everyone for a great meeting; Jon closed with a word of prayer.
 - Next meeting is Thursday, March 25, 2010; 10 a.m. to 12 Noon at Food for the Hungry
 - Adjourned at 11:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
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