

Arizona Council on
Faith-Based and Community Initiatives
Chair Gary Kinnaman
Minutes for April 22, 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 at 10:02 a.m.; invocation by Ben Sanders. A listing of attendees is attached. Marilyn Kinnaman, Gary's wife, and Micah Brechtel were guests.
- Review of previous Meeting Minutes.
 - Minutes from the 3/25/10 meeting were except by acclamation.
- Updates
 - ArizonaSERVES. Chuck provided this update from Christina Estes-Werther, Governor Brewer's Human Services Policy Advisor. The Governor's ArizonaSERVES taskforce will likely be seated by mid-May. Applications, references, resumes, etc. are being reviewed now.
 - Joyce spoke about the likely re-funding of Kids Care.
 - Lift Up America – Hunger Campaign. Chair Gary spoke about this effort. Sports, media, business, faith and government organizations are involved to bring significant hunger relief to Arizona. The slogan "1 in 5" will be used to draw attention to the fact that 1 in 5 of Arizona's children is food insecure. This campaign will work in conjunction with existing food drive efforts in the faith community that support local pantries and will also work alongside the National Association of Letter Carriers "Stamp-Out Hunger" food drive. Organizations are being asked to conduct hunger awareness and food drives the weekend of Father's Day in June. Chuck reported that it looks like a campaign kickoff may occur on May 6th in downtown Phoenix.
 - Chair Gary spoke of how all sectors, beliefs, political views, etc. can come together around the basic need of feeding people. He views this as an opportunity for all Arizonans to lay down their agendas for the sake of those who are hungry in our State.
 - Teri talked about how one of the ELCA's congregations in the West Valley (Phoenix area) has taken on the task of ensuring that everyone within "line-of-sight" of the church campus has enough to eat – including local elementary schools. This example by St. Andrews is being considered by other faith communities as well.
 - Jane spoke of a collaboration of a synagogue, mosque, school and community to serve the basic needs of the larger community. Much is going on in faith communities that tends to fly "under the radar" and perhaps this Council can help to highlight and celebrate these efforts.
 - Jane also spoke of new initiative: Homeless Veterans Make Their Own Home – Now They Need the Furnishings.
 - A group of veterans living in the downtown homeless shelter were tired of the violence there. Forming their own Council, they requested an area for themselves where they set up some rules for creating a better life. The plan worked well, and after receiving assistance from HUD, the Lodestar Foundation, and the downtown Phoenix YWCA, these men have a place to go. The Y has 10,500 square feet of

space that has bedrooms, bathrooms, and kitchen areas. All together, 19 men can be housed.

- But they need the need the furnishings to make it home. Beds, bedding, dishes, pots, pans flatware, utensils are some of the kitchen needs. There is no furniture, so everything from a kitchen table to chairs to sofas, tables, chairs, and lamps are needed. All of these donations should be delivered to the VA on Indian School and 7th Street. Once there, the VA will find storage space.
- These veterans are rebuilding their lives after helping us maintain ours. Please help if you can.
- Season of Service/Arizona CityFest. Billy Thrall spoke about a statewide Season of Service will begin this fall and will culminate in a Luis Palau CityFest in March or April 2011. More information will be made available soon, visit their website to learn more www.arizonacityfest.org He spoke briefly about a great new connection with the Phoenix Union High School District. Billy is particularly interested in celebrating efforts that are already happening in our communities – not just creating new ones. The stories told by Teri and Jane are perfect examples of “home runs” that are being hit everyday. The Council agreed to actively connect Billy, and his Season of Service co-Chair Malissa Geer, with our networks. Each Council member is asked to contact Billy over the next 8 weeks and share contacts with him. He may be reached at billy.thrall@palau.org and at (602) 334-9603.
- Jane led a conversation regarding the Governor’s Prayer Breakfast which occurred just prior to this Council meeting. Jane was very articulate as she spoke - with love and respect – on how the Council should be very diligent about not merely inviting others but by including them. Jane and others believed the Governor’s Prayer Breakfast could have been, and should have been, more inclusive. Of all groups, the Council should set the example of how all faiths are included, respected and honored. Everyone in attendance agreed with Jane and was thankful she brought this to the group. Chair Gary asked for Jane to put her comments in writing so he would be able to clearly convey her message, and the Council’s, to the prayer breakfast organizing committee.
- 2010 Arizona End Childhood Hunger Conference. Chuck spoke of this statewide conference that is to be held on April 23rd in Goodyear. Attendees and exhibitors may register to the is free conference at www.endchildhungeraz.org
- Nicola Winkel represented member Captain Chris Melvin and the Arizona Coalition for Military Families. She spoke about the Coalition and the upcoming “2010 Statewide Symposium in Support of Military Families” on July 14-16 in Phoenix. The track on July 16 is of particular interest to faith communities, and the Council, as it will unpack issues of faith and spirituality for military families. Scholarships for this symposium may be made available to Council member organizations. More information will be distributed to all Council members. You may connect directly with Nicola at info@arizonacoalition.org or (480) 510-7016.
- Joyce spoke about the availability of 50 smoke-detectors for those who are hearing-impaired. These devices are available free from the Valley of the Sun United Way – normal cost is approximately \$300. Contact Joyce directly to learn more.
- Judith spoke about Project H3. Project H3’s goal is to identify and house the 50 most vulnerable homeless individuals in the greater-Phoenix area – those who will likely die within the next 18 months without housing. The identification phase of Project H3 is happening this week. The project is also beginning in Pima County and in Coconino County.
- Convene, Connect, Communicate
 - Chair Gary 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). We will leave this item on future Agendas to ensure we stay true to these strategies.

- Faith Partners of Arizona. Ben and Rick spoke of a new draft Council website, www.faithpartnersaz.org, that may serve as a communication platform for the Council. Ben, Tricia, Chuck, Rick and technical expert Thomas Jodon met to discuss the purpose and direction of the project and brought back to the Council recommendations. The document will be forwarded to all Council members. At the May 27th meeting, we will see an example of how the site could look and how it might be of benefit to the Council. Billy believes this is a critical piece to the sustainability of the Council's efforts and to the sustainability of the Season of Service. Billy also believes he may have a funder who would underwrite this effort.
- Council Leadership
 - At the last Council meeting, Chair Gary asked for nominations for Council Vice-Chair.
 - Rick Knopf has been nominated, and attendees unanimously approved his nomination (motion-Jane, 2nd Teri). Congratulations Vice-Chair Rick....and thank you!
- Closing Remarks and Adjourn
 - Chair Gary thanked everyone for a great meeting; and Vice-Chair Rick closed with a word of prayer.
 - Next meeting is Thursday, May 27, 2010; 10 a.m. to 12 Noon at Food for the Hungry
 - Adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

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