

Arizona Council on
Faith-Based and Community Initiatives
Minutes for June 24, 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 & Introductions
 - Chair Gary Kinnaman welcomed attendees to Food for the Hungry at 10:08 a.m.
 - Invocation by Billy Thrall
 - All attendees introduced themselves; listing is attached
 - Guests: Maile Weigele (Arizona CityFest) and Lisa Chastain (Tucson Hope Fest)
- Review of previous Meeting Minutes.
 - Minutes from 5/27/10 meeting were unanimously approved (M – Rick K.; 2nd – Jane W.)
- Updates
 - ArizonaSERVES.
Chair Gary gave a historical recap of both the Council and the new ArizonaSERVES Task Force. He has been appointed to the Task Force.
Judith indicated that the first Task Force meeting will likely be in July.
 - Lift Up America Hunger Relief – a.k.a. Arizona Hunger Campaign.
Chair Gary spoke of the Father's Day Food Drive demonstration project by a number of Phoenix-area churches. He did not have the total numbers, although it appeared to be several hundred thousand pounds of donated food. More information regarding the Arizona Hunger Campaign may be found at www.endzhunger.org
Jane W. spoke of a number of hunger relief efforts in the Jewish community. In particular, a high school student effort in conjunction with the Westside Food Bank in Surprise, and the congregant meals in Tempe at Temple Emanuel. She added, "It's not always our job to finish a project, but we must start."
 - Season of Service / Arizona CityFest.
Billy spoke at length about the Season of Service that is to begin on October 5, 2010 and the Arizona CityFest to be held at Tempe Town Lake on March 19 – 20, 2011. More information is available at www.arizonacityfest.com
Billy added, "the Season of Service is an excuse for us to come together and serve under 7 Categories, and highlight best practices"

Hunger	Homelessness	Family Well-Being	Education
Health Care	Existing Projects	Neighborhood Revitalization	

The Season of Service will also consist of impact days, such as October 23, 2010 which is the national Make-a-Difference Day. Live-Love Day in the east valley is an example of other impact days already occurring.
 - Hope Fest, Tucson.

Lisa Chastain visited our meeting and talked about the 18th Annual Hope Fest that is scheduled for October 23, 2010 at Tucson Electric Park in Tucson. Last year, 20,000 people were served at this single day “Community Helping Community” event. More information is available at www.azhopenet.org

Lisa is developing a toolkit that may be used by other communities to design and deploy their own Hope Fest. She is looking for writing help and seed funding to complete this on-line project.

Billy indicated that a “hope fest” type of component will be part of the Arizona CityFest.

- Convene, Connect and Communicate
 - Attendees unanimously agreed that we should add “Celebrate” to the core functions of the Council.
 - Ben and Rick spoke about the new Council website: www.acfbci.org. There was discussion regarding how we can use this website to inventory faith community projects and faith networks statewide.
 - Bob suggested the Council should become the “aligner” of all that is going on statewide regarding faith-based and community initiatives.
- New Business
 - Ben informed attendees of an upcoming Foster Care Summit to be held on October 21, 2010 at the State Capitol. Council Member Pastor Aubrey Barnwell is providing leadership on this effort. More information is available at www.aicfcf.org Jane W. suggested including Helen Handler (?) as a speaker at this or similar events. She is a holocaust survivor who currently lives in our community and is widely renowned and recruited to speak about her life experiences.
 - It was suggested by Ben at the last meeting and by Judith at this meeting that the Council look at a state-wide convening to highlight service and best practices by faith communities. The general idea is to actively include all faiths, all communities and all tribes at this event. A sub-group was identified to meet and think about when this could happen and what it might look like – and then report back with recommendations to the Council. The group includes: Linda Chastain, Jane W., Ben, Judith, Rick and Bob.
- Closing Remarks and Adjourn
 - Chair Gary thanked everyone for a great meeting; and then closed with a word of prayer.
 - Next meeting is Thursday, July 22, 2010; 10 a.m. to 12 Noon at Food for the Hungry
 - Adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

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