



January 23, 2014
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Catholic Charities Community Services
4747 North 7th Avenue, Phoenix, 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 and Jane Wabnik opened the meeting with a blessing of gratitude and joy. Attendees introduced themselves to group.

II. Character Education in Arizona, Dr. Ann Hart, Arizona Department of Education

Dr. Ann Hart is the “Deputy Assistant Superintendent for African-American Outreach, Character, Homeless and Refugee Education” at Arizona’s Department of Education.



Dr. Hart spoke at length about the importance of Character Education in our public schools and the role each of us plays in our homes and communities in influencing the development of young people. Her presentation may be seen here: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/CharacterEducationProgram.pdf>

Dr. Hart spoke about ADE’s Character Education Matching Grant Program which provides schools with funding to implement character education curriculum. Here is her handout regarding the grant program: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/ADE-CharacterEd-grant.pdf>

Dr. Hart is looking at forming a community-based steering committee regarding Character Education. Ben Sanders suggested starting that effort within our Council, several attendees (Ben, Luke, Regina, Anne) voiced interest in participating.

If you are interested in being a part of either the Matching Grant or Steering Committee opportunity, please contact Dr. Hart at (602) 364-1971 or ann.hart@azed.gov



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A couple of Dr. Hart's key statements about character are:

- Our character is the sum total of our words, deeds and actions.
- Character is doing what's right when no one is looking.
- Character Education is about practice, not posters.

Key connection points to Dr. Hart and her work at ADE are: www.azed.gov/character-education, and www.facebook.com/AZCharacterEd

III. Updates

- a. ArizonaSERVES. Next meeting, which is always open to the public, is March 21st.
- b. HopeFest Phoenix will be at Chase Field on Saturday, April 5th. Donations and volunteers are needed. Visit www.cityserveaz.com for all the details or to become involved.
- c. Other Member Updates
 - i. Area Agency on Aging's Affordable Care Act Project is in full swing. Paul Wright and Margie Coggins with Region One AAA shared this important information: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/ACA.pdf>
 - ii. Bonnie Lloyd, Global Outreach Pastor for Church for the Nations in Phoenix, spoke of the July "Refugee Highway Partnership's North American Roundtable" national conference at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix (<http://www.rhpna.com>). Bonnie will discuss this in more detail when she is our guest speaker in February.
 - iii. Ben Sanders updated attendees on the Campus Challenge (<http://www2.ed.gov/about/inits/list/fbci/campus-challenge.html>), and his efforts at ASU via the Christian Campus Center (<http://c3tempe.org>).
 - iv. Shawn Pearson spoke of a Kingdom Communities of the Valley "Community Conversation" at Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church in Phoenix on February 20th at 6 p.m. regarding Foster Care and Child Protective Services. All are invited.
 - v. Linda Morris spoke of a community fun day in South Phoenix on February 22nd, here is the flier (<http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Feb22-Family-FUN.jpg>). There is also a walk to end violence on the same day. Here is the flier for the walk (<http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Feb22-march-to-end-violence.jpg>).
 - vi. Anne Taylor reminded attendees of the Golden Rule Banquet to be held on March 25th in Mesa. Here are all the details: <http://www.azifm.org/events/34/golden-rule-awards-banquet/>
 - vii. Regina Weiler spoke of the Children's Heart Gallery (<http://www.childrensheartgallery.org>) and the important role volunteers have played in finding forever homes for children in foster care. To get involved,



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please visit <http://www.azdes.gov/volunteer> or contact Regina a
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IV. Closing Remarks and Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is on February 27, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., again at Catholic Charities; our speaker will be Pastor Bonnie Lloyd with Church for the Nations.

Thank you so much to our super hosts - Catholic Charities!!!

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