



March 27, 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

Chair Gary Kinnaman and Vice Chair Rick Knopf were unable to attend. Staff person Chuck Fitzgerald welcomed attendees and Pastor Bonnie Lloyd opened the meeting with an invocation. Attendees introduced themselves to group.

Sign-in sheets are here: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/03-27-14-ACFBCI-Sign-In.pdf>

II. Upcoming “Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Forums” in Arizona

Ben Sanders, Community Ministries and the Campus Christian Center in Tempe, gave attendees a brief history of his long-standing relationship with local and national leaders, to include Ms. Jannah Scott. Council members will remember Jannah from her work and leadership here in Arizona, most notably as the Faith Policy Advisor for Governor Janet Napolitano; and because she has spoken at previous Council meetings, as recently as last fall. Jannah Scott is now a leader in the Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Along with other federal colleagues, Jannah will be in Arizona in April to meet with faith-based, community and government leaders in Phoenix and Tucson. Others who will be joining her:

- Marcus Coleman, US Department of Homeland Security
- Kimberly Konkell, US Department of Health and Human Services
- Jose Velasco, US Department of Health and Human Services
- Jerry Lawson, Environment Protection Agency

The Meeting Agendas are still in development, here are location details:

Thursday, April 24th
9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon (doors open at 8:15 a.m.)
ASU Mercado, Building C, Room 145
502 E. Monroe Street
Phoenix, AZ 85004

Friday, April 25th
Times TBA
Pima Community College, Amethyst Room
1255 N. Stone Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85709

Registration has been set up for both meetings at: <http://acfbci.org/april-24-25-2014/>



March 27, 2014
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Catholic Charities Community Services
4747 North 7th Avenue, Phoenix, 85013

The April meeting of the Arizona Council on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives is being moved to the Phoenix meeting at ASU Mercado.

A planning committee was formed to help Ben with the Phoenix meeting to work out meeting details. Those who volunteered are: Jeff Bisgrove, April Jones, Berisha Black, Jim Helman, Trudy Ware, and Nancy Kiflemariam. The Phoenix meeting will be focused on collaboration with our federal partners and with each other.

The Tucson meeting on April 25th will be centered on the topic of The President's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge for Advancing Interfaith Cooperation and Community Service in Higher Education. <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/USDOE-WH-Campus-Challenge-Overview.pdf>

Here are Ben's notes, which have been slightly updated since he distributed them at the meeting: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/BenS-notes.pdf>

III. Updates

- a. ArizonaSERVES. Next meeting, which is always open to the public, is May 16th.
- b. Billy Thrall spoke about HopeFest Phoenix; it will be at Chase Field on Saturday, April 5th. Donations and volunteers are still needed. Visit www.cityserveaz.com for all the details or to become involved.
- c. Other Member Updates
 - i. Pastor Bonnie Lloyd spoke about the upcoming "Refugee Highway Partnership: North American Roundtable" being held at Grand Canyon University on July 22 – 25, 2014. Information packet is here: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/RHPNA-2014.pdf>. Updates and more information here: <http://www.rhpna.com>.
 - ii. Nancy Kiflemariam, City of Phoenix, spoke of the recent Affordable Care Act extension for selection and payment which is now April 15th. HOWEVER, to take advantage of this extension, you must be registered by March 31st and signify a hardship for completion of selection/payment.
 - iii. Berisha Black, DES and Open Table, spoke of an April 3rd community Open Table discussion. Details were sent in the March Meeting notice email.
 - iv. Regina Weiler, DES Volunteer Engagement Center, talked with attendees about the "Arizona Blue Ribbon – Celebrating Foster Families" event on April 26th, and the upcoming fundraising events at various restaurants. Details for all of these items are found at <http://www.ArizonaBlueRibbon.org>. Please contribute if you can.
 - v. Sharon LaRue, Saltmine Trust, updated attendees on their "human trafficking" drama tour previously scheduled for this summer. In now appears the Arizona



March 27, 2014
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Catholic Charities Community Services
4747 North 7th Avenue, Phoenix, 85013

portion of the tour will be in 2015. Stay up to date here:
<http://www.saltminetrust.org.uk>

IV. Closing Remarks and Adjourn

Ben Sanders closed the meeting with prayer. **The next meeting is on April 24, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., at ASU Mercado, 502 E. Monroe Street, Phoenix, 85004.**

Submitted by
Chuck Fitzgerald
cfitzgerald@azdes.gov