

## Arizona Council on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

Catholic Charities  
4747 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Phoenix, 85013

August 23, 2012  
10:00 a.m. – Noon

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, Dr. Gary Kinnaman

Chair Gary welcomed attendees, and Linda Morris opened the meeting in prayer. Attendees then introduced themselves.

Chair Gary provided a quick overview of the history of the Council; more information may be found on the Council's web site, [www.GodEnriches.org](http://www.GodEnriches.org). This site name was chosen because it is also our State Motto. Meeting archives may be found on the web site.

#### II. Dental Mission of Mercy – Kevin Earle, Executive Director, Arizona Dental Association

Kevin spoke about Arizona's first Dental Mission of Mercy that is to be held at the Veterans Coliseum in Phoenix on December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> (<http://www.azmom.org>). DMOM is a national model for providing free oral care for low-income people; this is a charitable effort put on primarily by dental professionals. DMOM is expected to serve 2,000 and provide nearly \$2M in direct services.

There are a number of ways that Council member organizations can assist:

- Talk to your dentist about the event. More dental professionals are needed for the event. Make sure they know about the website: <http://www.azmom.org>
- Non-dental volunteers are also needed to be patient escorts, translators, hospitality workers, etc. They may register at <http://www.azmom.org>
- Speak to your organizations to ensure those you serve know about the event. DMOM is confident that 2,000 will show up for care and there will not be a need for mass-promotion of the event.
- More sponsor relationships are needed. Restaurants, dental suppliers, check writers, etc.

#### III. Bikes for Kids in Foster Care – Joe Jacober, Arizona Association for Foster and Adoptive Parents

Joe (along with Gary and Ed) spoke about "Recycle your Bicycle" for supporting foster children and their families with professionally refurbished, donated bicycles. All the details may be found at <http://www.recycleyourbicycleaz.com>. The handouts provided by Joe are (they can be customized for your organization's use):

Project Overview - <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Recycle-Your-Bicycle-Overview-for-General-Use.pdf>

Holding a Bike Drive - <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Recycle-Your-Bicycle-Poster-Flyer-for-Groups-Who-Want-To-Have-A-Bike-Drive-2012.pdf>

Recycle Your Bicycle fact sheet - <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/2012-Bike-Drive-for-Kids-in-Foster-Care-Fact-Sheet-8-14-12.pdf>

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Joe spoke of three key aspects of the project: giving away bikes to foster children and foster parents, the joy of donors as they give away their bicycles and share their stories, and the joy of volunteers who refurbish and distribute the donated bikes. Here are ways for Council members to help:

- Hold a bike donation drive. Joe and his folks will come pick up the bikes, wherever they are.
- Provide a community drop-off location for bike donations.
- Volunteer on bike refurbish day.
- Volunteer on bike distribution day.
- Speak to friends, networks and organizations about the project. Direct folks to <http://www.recycleyourbicycleaz.com>
- Link from your website and social media pages to <http://www.recycleyourbicycleaz.com>

Contact Joe for more information at [jjacober4436@gmail.com](mailto:jjacober4436@gmail.com)

### IV. Updates

- a. ArizonaSERVES. Chuck gave attendees an update on ArizonaSERVES. The Task Force has taken a number of steps to place Arizona's foster care crisis on the "front burner" of its activities. To read the meeting minutes from the July meeting, or any meeting since its inception, visit [www.ArizonaSERVES.gov](http://www.ArizonaSERVES.gov) and look under the "Task Force" tab.

- b. "Caring for Our Children and Youth."

Billy and Chuck talked about how CityServe Arizona ([www.cityserveaz.com](http://www.cityserveaz.com)) has teamed up with ArizonaSERVES ([www.ArizonaSERVES.gov](http://www.ArizonaSERVES.gov)) and the West Valley Human Services Alliance ([www.wvhsa.acfbci.org](http://www.wvhsa.acfbci.org)) to put on a one day summit called "Caring for Our Children and Youth – when hungry, when in foster care, when is school." The event will be on October 5<sup>th</sup> at Living Streams Church in Phoenix. Here is the save-the-date flier [http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Caring\\_for\\_Our\\_Children.pdf](http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Caring_for_Our_Children.pdf). Please distribute freely!

There was discussion about how the Council can assist with the October 5<sup>th</sup> summit. The top way to help is to see that our networks get the information about the event and that we do everything possible to get 500 people to the event! Registration is now open at <http://cityserveaz.com>

- c. Other Member Organization Updates

- i. Liliana shared that the HUD grant writing seminar is not yet scheduled. It's coming soon, but not quite yet. Stay tuned for details.
- ii. Ben spent a few minutes talking about the Campus Christian Center in Tempe ([www.c3tempe.org](http://www.c3tempe.org)) at 1034 South Mill Avenue next to ASU. Lots going on at this new location, such as, a new Center for Social Justice, a new Welcome Center for ASU students. Here is an excellent video regarding the new center, you might recognize the tour guide: <http://youtu.be/KQ90Hvb4Cul>

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- iii. Antoine informed attendees of a community fair to be held on September 29<sup>th</sup> from 6 a.m. to Noon at First New Life Missionary Baptist church (19<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Roeser, Phoenix).
- iv. Prison Fellowship Ministries will be training volunteers for prison ministry on September 15<sup>th</sup> and October 20<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Denise Muller at [denise\\_muller@pfm.org](mailto:denise_muller@pfm.org).
- v. Chair Gary talked about “Movement Day” and “Ten Cities Covenant” in NYC at the end of September. About a dozen Arizonans will participate in these national events. To attend, please contact Chair Gary or visit <http://www.movementday.org>.
- vi. Chair Gary spoke of Christianity Today’s event on September 6<sup>th</sup> called “This is Our City.” The September issue of their magazine will highlight the community transformation efforts in Phoenix. <http://www.christianitytoday.com>

### V. New Business

The Arizona Ecumenical Council has a new Executive Director, Bjorn Peterson. He replaces the recently retired Rev. Jan Flaaten. Bjorn comes to Arizona from the Pacific Northwest. He gave attendees a brief biography about how he came to be with AEC. He also shared much about his world view, theology, and mission. His life’s work is based upon God’s collaborative posture and how co-creation is never a waste of time for us. We warmly welcome Bjorn to our state!

### VI. Closing Remarks and Adjourn - Next meeting is September 27<sup>th</sup>

Chair Gary thanked attendees for their participation. Bjorn Peterson closed with prayer.

Attendees: Chair Gary Kinnaman, Vice-Chair Rick Knopf, Traci Gruenberger, Denise Muller, Sofia Tobar, Joyce Lopez-Powell, Gary Jones, Ed B., Joe Jacober, Liliana Jorge, Terrilyn Miller, Bjorn Peterson, Jonathon S., Kevin A., Antoine Andersen, Susan Levy, Scott Neuman, Ben Sanders, Billy Thrall, Debbie DiCarlo, Chuck Fitzgerald.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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