

Multifaith Council of Northwest Ohio Board Meeting: April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 4:00 PM  
3009 Gunckel Boulevard, Toledo, Ohio, 43560

*Judy Trautman, Woody Trautman, Jim Morford, Sister Sally Bohnett, Linda Morford, Joe Zielinski, Crystal Taylor, Michele Joseph, Dave Dibling, Chuck Stocking, Bindu Mistry*

## **A: Opening**

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Opening Meditations: (We listened to a song called "The Tide is Rising," written by a female rabbi. The song is available on Youtube.) This is the month for Earth Day.
3. Linda Morford shared that the guest speaker at her church talked about forgiveness.
4. Minutes: Joe Z motioned to accept. Jim seconded. Motion passed.
5. Treasurer's report: Judy asked to copy out the transactions. Last year, they were late, resulting in a very large fine. We want to do the 990 federal form to keep us registered as a charitable organization with the state. Dave Dibling arrives and says the charitable report is due mid-May.

Total checking: 21,325.14. Business: 33228.24. Sustainability meeting Wednesday. Chuck will update. Treasurer's Report: motion to accept: Joe Z. Sister Sally seconded.

### **Activity Reports**

Crystal Taylor shared her extensive ArtStart application, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Mural mosaic
- Two community gardens
- Horizon Science Service Learning project. Karen O'Brien is the contact. Send her an email to let her know this is an option. These projects will have a February/March installation.

June 1<sup>st</sup> is the first opportunity to apply for the next grant.

Grant:

2,500 dollar stipend for Karen O'Brien.

2,500 for supplies.

The grant process can be done online.

Megan Sutherland, from BG, is volunteering at the community garden.

May 7<sup>th</sup>, Navajo cultural immersion. 650 dollars. Leaves May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2 weeks. You could go to Arizona and be immersed in Navajo culture.

Holi Toledo program. UT gave liability waiver March 30<sup>th</sup>. Want release forms back by April 6<sup>th</sup>. Event scheduled April 13<sup>th</sup>, from 3 to 5. High schools on spring break; high attendance unlikely.

Parliamentary grant for social media intern. Grant is late. Several students interested. Criteria: they have to plan on being in Toledo for the summer. They also need to be self motivated and detail oriented. They should also have experience working independently. Fourth, they need to send a resume. Select 3 to 5 resumes and interview. Looking for 10 hours a week. Daily posting to our sites. Research for content and attendance at all MFC events to chronicle.

Sustainability Campaign had a phone conference with Annaliese Grytafey and Julie Payeff on March 24th regarding the Center for Islamic Understanding application. Asked to withdraw and resubmit application. They want more details of what activities we're doing regarding Islamophobia.

Series of events regarding Islamophobia:

Women's group

Program at Hindu temple

We agreed to report ongoing work and retroactively.

Annual repeated events.

Scriptural comparison panels.

Board of Community Relations.

Syrian refugee project.

Chuck mentioned dragon boat races.

### **Care and Concern:**

- Meena and Habib and Nasser lost a brother.
- Deborah had major back surgery following esophagus surgery.

## Activity Reports:

- Men's and women's group.
- Men's group had around 25 in attendance.
- Women's is supporting a welcoming center for the refugees.
- Sister Sally's women's multifaith presentation.
- Introduction to Islam.
- Prayer vigil regarding terrorism.
- Food editor of the Blade doing Islamic holiday food.

## Banquet:

- Women have been asked to cover. The imam wanted the men to sit separately from the women. Judy asked for compromise. Possible option: three sections, one men, one women, one mixed. Imam agreed.
- We will not assign seats. Joe suggested email to inform and get feedback. Banquet theme: Reclaiming our humanity.
- Speaker: Daniel L. Buttry, author of We Are The Socks.
- Possible gifts for homeless: bus tokens, McDonald's gift cards, socks, hygiene packets.
- Hero of Compassion: Celina Stevens. Young homeless girl became very high achieving in all departments. Ken Leslie is her mentor. Celina suggested having it early so they won't miss the speaker. Seeking help for funding young people, homeless or almost homeless.
- Buttry will sign books. Crystal will do media release. Tim Barger will present Heroes of Compassion awards.

## Heroes:

- Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission
- Woody and Judy Trautman
- Lillian Ann Briggs, Promise House Rescue Project
- Stephen MacDonald, Bridges Out Of Poverty
- Water for Ishmael
- Celina Stevens
- Plaque is ready for pickup.

## Fees and stipends

- Daniel Buttry 250.00
- Celina 100.00
- Steve North 100.00 (will tell stories)

Urdu poet for mosque? 8 year old Hindu dancer?

Business meeting: plea for sustainability. Look for emails from Judy.

Education meeting with Sharon.

Parallel sayings: May or June

Judy suggested renewing stipend for David.

Joe Habib is with Saint Paul's. Megan is with Family House. Focus group May 16<sup>th</sup>.

It's been mentioned that it seems difficult to ask the families questions about their lives as it seems personal.

Asking questions like "what are your obstacles" and "what would you like the community to do?"

News release Tree Toledo.

Next meeting May 1<sup>st</sup>. June 5<sup>th</sup> start of Ramadan. Funder will provide funds for students. Check with Nathan King. Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Driscoll Center. "Is ISIS Islamic?"

Adjourned 5:55.