

MULTIFAITH COUNCIL OF NORTHWEST OHIO BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017

THE TRAUTMAN HOME, 3009 GUNCKEL, TOLEDO, OHIO 43606

Present: Judy Trautman, Joe Zielinski, David Longacre, Chuck Stocking, Linda Morford, Jim Morford, Horace Huse, David Dibling, Sister Sally Bohnett, Crystal Taylor (phone)

OPENING MEDITATION

Meditation by Judy Trautman: **arc of moral conscience**

MINUTES

Minutes from the April 2, 2017 meeting were read. Chuck Stocking moved they be approved, Joe Zielinski seconded. Minutes were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ending balance as of April 30, 2017: \$53,203.27.

It was mentioned that Sara Jobin graciously returned her stipend for her talk at the Banquet. The Men's Club has asked that their contributions be noted on the report. Joe Zielinski moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Jim Morford seconded.

Treasurer's report approved.

CRYSTAL TAYLOR'S REPORT

Crystal had a written report available to look at. It covers the Ohio Arts Council project, the Women's Group Trip, the Annual banquet, Fundraiser and the Retreat. Postcards were passed out that advertised the Ohio Arts Council project. David Longacre moved to accept Crystal's report, Joe seconded. Crystal's report was approved.

CARE AND CONCERNS

Abdel-Wahab Soliman's father died. Linda Morford sent a card.

ACTIVITY REPORTS

- The Chair of Toledo Sister Cities wanted to know if the Council would support and/or partner with them for programming, e.g., a topic of Civility. Judy thought we could be a marketing partner but probably we could not take on much actual work. Crystal suggested that we need to mobilize our greater membership. Another compassion topic that could be considered could be infant mortality.
- Men's group – had an April 9 dinner at St. Paul's; have contributed monetarily to the Banquet fund and to the Woody Trautman Lecture.
- Women's Group – Chicago trip currently going on; pictures posted in Facebook are "fabulous"
- April 5 Epworth Multifaith event – members were attentive and there was good discussion
- HOMETOWN HABITAT – well attended; speaks well of Sacred Grounds overall theme

ACTION ITEMS AND CURRENT PROJECTS

- Banquet Report – see agenda; In-kind donations were very much appreciated; youth event – very successful. Good Q & A between youth and presenters; think about capitalizing on this for next year
- Woody Trautman MultiFaith Lecture – will not be too expensive to hold; Father Bacik decided on "Interfaith Spirituality in an Era of Globalization." June 11 is during Ramadan but the lecture should end before the fast is broken so should not be a conflict.
- Peace Poles – the Council will pay half for the Jewish federation of Greater Toledo to get a pole. It is planned to be erected on December 10 during their Giving Games.
- Board Retreat – Crystal will check with the 577 Foundation on August 26 as a 1st choice and August 19 as a second choice for the Board Retreat. Retreat will consist of strategic planning and setting up a year plan of events.
Topics considered: Consolidating our web pieces; setting up a fund so that more members can go to events in order to advertise what we do; engaging the greater membership – how to do it
Planning Committee – David Dibling, Chuck Stocking and Joe Zielinski volunteered to help plan the retreat
- Sacred Grounds Workshop – will be held on July 15, 2017, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. All are welcome to come and learn about creating a sacred outdoor space for their faith community.
- NAIN "Connect" Conference – August 6-10 in San Diego, California. Judy will be presenting on harmony in a community after hate incidents. It is a wonderful experience and hopefully in the future more will be able to attend.
The next Parliament of World Religions gathering will be November 1-7, 2018 in Toronto, Canada. It would be fun for a group to take the train!

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM. Submitted by Sister Sally Bohnett, SND