

Arizona Council on
Faith-Based and Community Initiatives
Chair Gary Kinnaman
Minutes for August 27, 2009

The Arizona Council on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives is dedicated to engaging and mobilizing all faith communities to improve the quality of life for our most vulnerable and impoverished people through a statewide, action-oriented collaboration of faith-based, community and governmental organizations.

- Welcome, Invocation and Introductions
 - Chair Gary Kinnaman welcomed everyone at 10:10 a.m. He spoke about his traveling summer and apologized for his absence. He thanked Vice Chair Paul Martodam for filling in for him and thanked those who participated in his absence. Paul then led us with an opening prayer.
- Review previous meeting minutes
 - Minutes from the July 23rd meeting were reviewed. One omitted item was added – Judith Fritsch reported that the United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona had also applied for the \$1M HHS Strengthening Communities Grant. With this revision, the Minutes were accepted.
- Council Mission & Purpose
 - Chair Gary facilitated a discussion around the Council's draft Mission Statement (see above). Comments and questions that were offered included:
 - Defining our work is work itself
 - Are we mobilizing only the faith community and the organizations are resource points?
 - Should only faith organizations be at the table or should the other organizations be at the table too?
 - If this is faith only, aren't we just expanding the silos that already exist?
 - A reason for the Council is to bring the faith community more fully into the conversations that are already happening.
 - Let's leave the Mission Statement as it is now and revisit it as we move forward
 - Let's look at the who and what
 - This cannot be "anyone for everyone"
 - Do we continue the efforts of the previous Council under Governor Napolitano? Let's be sure to consider this.
 - Chair Gary offered a "verbal picture" of a grid with four quadrants. They are labeled government, marketplace, nonprofit/civic and faith. He spoke of how the faith sector has been isolated from the issues in our State and the conversations regarding them. He believes key roles of the Council are to mobilize the faith community, bring faith into the conversation and to champion efforts where the four quadrants connect. He closed this part of the discussion by saying that the Council can do anything for which we feel burdened.
 - Jane Pearson moved for the Council to adopt the Mission Statement (as written above); second by Jane Wabnik. It passed unanimously.
- Membership Process and Responsibilities

- Vice Chair Paul recanted our conversations of the past two meetings regarding Council Membership and Member Responsibilities.
- Any one may nominate someone for Membership.
- A nominating committee, appointed by the Council Chair, will review all nominations and make recommendations to the Council for approval.
- Members will cycle off of the Council. The exact method will be determined in the future.
- Instead of Council Member Responsibilities, we will refer to Council Member Expectations.
- Attendance is of high importance. Attending at least 75% of Council meetings is expected. An occasional substitute is much better than an absence.
- Jane Wabnik moved for the Council to adopt the revisions as stated above; second by Mitzila. It passed unanimously.
- A revised Membership and Member Expectation document will be distributed prior to the next Council meeting.
- New Business
 - Reviewed Jannah Scott's visit with Chair Gary, Vice Chair Paul, Bishop Barnwell, Dr. C. T. Wright, Chuck Fitzgerald and Judith Fritsch on July 31st in Judith's office.
 - Judith spoke about the meeting and reiterated Jannah's wish for us to stay aligned with President Obama's Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships and its four main initiatives. This White House Office has added three other initiatives since their February inception: global development, climate change and constitutional foundation of the Office.
 - Chuck also added that Jannah saw our Council as the perfect mechanism for continuing the Arizona Prayer Breakfast.
 - It was asked if Governor Brewer could designate this Council, supported by DES, as the White House Office's connection to Arizona.
 - Chair Gary will attempt to meet again with Governor Brewer's Deputy Chief of Staff, Richard Bark to determine where the Governor stands with regards to the Council and the President's White House Office. He will also offer the Council's assistance with an Arizona Prayer Breakfast in early 2010.
 - Judith and Susan informed the Council of the dissolution of the DES Office of Community Partnerships and Innovative Practices. Although the Office would cease to exist, the community and faith community work would continue. No further details are available, but are expected no later than September 30th.
 - Susan spoke briefly about the new DES Partnering with Faith-Based Organizations effort. Director Neal Young and his Executive Leadership Team have formed an inter-Divisional workgroup within the Agency to move this initiative forward. More details will be forthcoming.
 - Chair Gary recommended "In the Meantime: The Practice of Proactive Waiting," a book by Rob Brendle.
 - Judith spoke briefly about the \$250K HHS Strengthening Communities Grant that will be awarded in September. DES received a letter of designation by Governor Brewer – this was a requirement for the grant application. The grant, if awarded, will be used by DES to add capacity for building community and faith-based organizations' capacities to aid economic recovery.
 - It is time to think about our first actions as a Council. All members were asked to bring their ideas for "projects/initiatives/etc." to the September Council meeting.
 - Chair Gary asked Chuck to bring an update on the former Council's taskforces to the September Council meeting.

- Closing Remarks and Adjourn
 - Chair Gary thanked everyone for a very productive meeting.
 - Bishop Barnwell led the group in a closing prayer.
 - Next meeting is Thursday, September 24th; 10 a.m. to Noon at Food for the Hungry
 - Adjourned at 11:50 a.m.
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Present:

Bishop Henry Barnwell
 Judith Fritsch
 Dr. Gary Kinnaman
 Scott Neuman (phone)
 Jane Wabnik
 Dr. C.T. Wright

Nedra Cox (phone)
 Susan Hallett
 Paul Martodam
 Jane Pearson
 Kathy Wilson (phone, for Dan Duncan)

Chuck Fitzgerald
 Mitzila Hogans
 Charles Monroe (phone)
 Ben Sanders

Absent:

Bishop Minerva Carcano
 Marchelle Franklin
 Monsignor Richard O'Keeffe
 Cynthia Zwick

Dr. Paul Eppinger
 John Frick
 Dr. Richard Knopf

Rev. Jan Flaaten
 Tony Garcia
 Linda Leatherman

Guests:

none

Respectfully Submitted by
 Chuck Fitzgerald, DES