

Arizona Council on
Faith-Based and Community Initiatives
Chair Gary Kinnaman
Minutes for October 22, 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. Ben Sanders led the Council in an opening word of prayer.
 - List of Attendees is attached. Guests included Victor Daniels, Policy Advisor to the Governor on Military and Urban Affairs and Richard Bark, Deputy Chief of Staff for the Governor on Policy.
 - Chair Gary spoke about a meeting on October 21st at the Governor's Office. Vice Chair Paul Martodam was also in attendance. He then introduced Victor Daniels, also at that meeting, to the attendees. Victor is looking forward to attending future Council meetings and will be an active link between the Council and the Governor. He indicated that a number of Councils/Boards are now being reactivated. He is working to get this Council in front of the Governor by the end of 2009.
- Review previous meeting minutes
 - Minutes from the August 27th meeting were reviewed. As part of this, Chair Gary reviewed the history of the Council. Minutes were approved unanimously (1st – Jan, 2nd – Paul M.).
- Update on former Council Taskforces
 - International Initiatives. C.T. spoke about the taskforce's concern for the refugee situation in Arizona. He used the "Liberian Girl" as an example. Paul M. spoke about his efforts to connect DES Office of Refugee Resettlement and Child Protective Service when a refugee family comes into the CPS system to enhance cultural understanding in the CPS process. There was a conference last year that included the DC faith council and the State Department. This past year the USAID grant was not funded. Paul M. and Linda talked of ongoing efforts in support of refugees by their organizations. Aaron spoke of Bishop Carcano's immigration focus. Judith suggested including DES's Refugee Resettlement Program Manager, Charles Shipman, in any ongoing conversation. C.T. agreed to continue as the lead for this taskforce to focus on ways faith communities can support refugees and immigrants. Members include: Paul M., John, Charles M., Jane W., and perhaps, Charles Shipman.
 - Municipal Initiatives. Linda spoke how this taskforce failed to get to the "action" stage in the past. Chuck was tasked with inviting Jon McHatton, For our Cities, to join this taskforce. Mitzila has agreed to lead this taskforce that also includes: Linda, Ben, Rick, Scott, Marchelle, and hopefully Jon. The word County is now added to the taskforce name: Municipal and County Initiatives.
 - Military/Veteran's Initiatives. Monsignor O'Keeffe and Bishop Barnwell led this taskforce in the past – neither was present today. Victor offered to bring a representative from Arizona Coalition for Military Families to our next meeting. ACMF is becoming a clearinghouse for military and veteran initiatives. This group will be reformed, or not, after we hear from ACMF.
 - Poverty and Emergency Preparedness. Dan spoke of this effort. The last major initiative was the "Feeling the Economic Crunch?" effort. Dan, Judith and Chuck are all involved in

the 211 Arizona effort that is currently underway – this seems a natural collaborative point for the taskforce. Dan will lead this taskforce that includes: Chuck, Paul M., Jan, Jane P., Joyce, Jane W. and Cynthia. Dan will provide to Chuck, a “Fighting Poverty with Faith” resource for distribution to all Council members.

- We will have reports and discussions around these Council Taskforces at each meeting.

- New Business

- Judith and Linda spoke regarding the White House Office on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. While Judith has made contact with Ben O’Dell with the White House, help from the Governor’s Office is needed to appoint a State Liaison to the WHOFBNP. Victor has offered to follow up on this item.
- HHS Strengthening Communities Fund Grants update was provided by Judith and Dan. No Arizona organization, government or nonprofit, was awarded either grant.
- Richard Bark joined the meeting at this point and spoke about the State budget. He spoke at length about the budget process to this point. He also stated that cuts will be a necessary component in the coming months and that the Governor asks three questions whenever she looks at making cuts:
 - What happens on the ground when I make this cut?
 - Who do people turn to if the State is not there?
 - What is the permanent damage to Arizona?
- Richard said he would help Victor set up a meeting between the Governor and the Council and his Office may come back to the Council with a list of “10 ways the Council can Help.”
- Richard spoke very briefly about immigration and the Governor’s belief in supporting the laws of Arizona.
- Chair Gary spoke of the Council’s desire to have an on-line information sharing resource that will help connect Arizonans to issues. Richard believed his Office could help with that.
- John was to meet on 10/23 with Brian McNeil, Deputy Chief of Staff of Operations for Governor Brewer to discuss a Prayer Breakfast. Richard believed the Governor would be interested in continuing this tradition.
- Ben spoke of two community events. First, Ravi Zacharias will be speaking to a full Wells Fargo Arena on 10/28. Second, the Christian Community Development Association will be providing faith community leadership with training and tools on “Church-Based Community Development” on 11/19. DES’s Director Neal Young will be speaking at this event.
- Chair Gary asked if the Council should be involved in H1N1 efforts in Arizona. Mitzila and Jan will provide Chuck with information to distribute to all Council members.
- Paul E. provided everyone with copies on the new 2010 Arizona Interfaith Movement’s Holy Days Calendar. Thank you, Paul!
- Chuck reminded attendees that the November and December Council meetings will be combined into a single meeting on December 3rd.

- Closing Remarks and Adjourn

- Chair Gary thanked everyone for a great meeting and closed with a word of prayer.
- Next meeting is Thursday, December 3rd; 10 a.m. to 12 Noon at Food for the Hungry
- Adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
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Present:

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