

**Arizona Council on
Faith-Based and Community Initiatives**
Chair Gary Kinnaman
Minutes for January 28, 2010

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 10:07 a.m. Chuck Fitzgerald opened the meeting with a word of prayer. A listing of Members present, Members absent and Guests is attached.
- Update from Governor Brewer's Office.
 - Chair Gary updated attendees with regards to recent contacts with the Governor and her Office. The Governor issued a "Day of Prayer" Proclamation for Arizona in January which was informed by Chair Gary and a group of two dozen pastors who met with the Governor. This group also provided input to the Governor regarding her ArizonaSERVES initiative which is not yet announced.
 - Christina Estes-Werther (Policy Advisor, Human Services) indicated that the Governor is very close to issuing an Executive Order regarding ArizonaSERVES. This order will establish a Taskforce whose responsibility will be to suggest content for an ArizonaSERVES website for informing and connecting faith and community organizations to human service opportunities created by budget shortfalls. No appointments have been made to this Taskforce as of yet, however, any member of this Council who wishes to participate on the ArizonaSERVES Taskforce should submit their name to Chuck Fitzgerald, who will in turn forward it to the Governor's Office for consideration. ArizonaSERVES will initially inform and connect faith and community organizations on these five opportunities: Foster Care, Child Care, CPS Visits, Elder Independence and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, and Transportation for the Needy.
 - Chair Gary asked for a distinction between the ArizonaSERVES Taskforce and this Council. Judith believes the two complement one another very well, and Teri offered that the Taskforce might select opportunities and this Council would be able to help engage and mobilize statewide practitioners around the selected opportunities. Christina agreed with these comments and excused herself from the meeting.
- Nominations for Membership to the Council.
 - Pastor Aubrey Barnwell of 1st New Life Missionary Baptist Church in Phoenix, and Jon McHatton, President of Care, Inc. and For Our City were both unanimously approved for membership on the Council.
- Update on Council Taskforces.
 - Municipal and County. Scott spoke of the subcommittee's efforts to identify faith-based connections with City and County governments, an asset map of sorts. A listing of this type would be valuable for communication purposes and for the possibility of convening this group statewide. Rick has offered ASU as a host location for such an event. The ongoing goal would be to capture and report on best practices relating to faith-based/local government efforts. Scott also spoke about the Micah Collaborative's efforts around: Kids Hope USA, The Journey "Jobs for Life", and I-HELP.
 - Poverty & Emergency Preparedness. No report. Chuck will coordinate a meeting with Rev. Jan and Chair Gary.

- International. No report. There was consensus that this subcommittee is not a high priority for the Council at this time.
 - Military. No report. Chuck will ask the Arizona Coalition of Military Families to attend future meetings. The Council will discuss the priority of this subcommittee at the next meeting.
 - Chair Gary believes our subcommittee structure is becoming more clear with each meeting and the Council will need to strengthen its subcommittee work quickly.
- New Business
 - Chair Gary talk about cross-sector collaboration via a diagram depicting that the Issues we work on will most likely be Issues that are important to all sectors: government, marketplace, human service organizations and faith organizations. The Governor is giving us five such Issues with ArizonaSERVES. Rick suggested we put a small group of the Council's members together and to prioritize our areas of focus. There was much discussion around this topic. Both Judith and Joyce spoke of "the power of one thing" and "the easy win." Teri spoke about the idea of doing what is in front of you, or "in your line of sight." Aubrey suggested we work on becoming a clearinghouse for Issues and information. Jon offered to share an assessment survey he has used with a local city for matching needs with assets. Charles offered to help with this subcommittee. Teri suggested a role of the Council to be a social networking hub for faith-based and community initiatives statewide. Chair Gary spoke (as the meeting was adjourning) about our Council's role might be as clear as to Convene, Connect and Communicate faith communities across the state.
 - Chuck spoke about the Department of Economic Security's faith workgroup. Each of the Program Divisions within DES has designated contacts for use by the faith community for education and technical assistance - where their missions intersect. This is a good example of the cross-sector diagram used by Chair Gary. An example of how DES might connect with a faith-based organization was given: many faith-based organizations have active Employment Ministries; but very few have a Child Care component to that ministry. DES, the "labor department" in Arizona, understands that the lack of affordable Child Care is a major barrier to finding and keeping a job. Therefore, DES can inform a faith-based organization's Employment Ministry to ensure that organization's resources are optimized. This example supports the purpose of ArizonaSERVES.
 - Chair Gary spoke of a cross-sector collaboration for feeding people in Arizona. He senses a convergence around this idea and forthcoming project. Partnering with Lift Up America (www.liftupamerica.org), faith, sports and business leaders are planning a sustained, statewide, food drive and education campaign. More details will be provided soon (this effort is very new).
- Closing Remarks and Adjourn
 - Chair Gary thanked everyone for a great meeting; Jon McHatton closed with a word of prayer.
 - Next meeting is Thursday, February 25, 2010; 10 a.m. to 12 Noon at DES
 - Adjourned at 11:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Chuck Fitzgerald, DES

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