



June 25, 2015
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Catholic Charities Community Services
4747 North 7th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85013

Engaging and mobilizing faith communities to improve the quality of life for vulnerable and impoverished people through a statewide collaboration of faith-based, community and governmental organizations.

Minutes

I. Welcome, Invocation & Introductions

- a. Chair Gary Kinnaman welcomed attendees. The sign-in sheets may be found, along with previous meeting documentation at: <http://acfbci.org/meeting-archives/>
- b. Jane Wabnik provided a moment of reflection. We are on a mission to “heal the world.” While we will not see the work completed, we do our part and prepare those who follow us to take up the work.” In Judaism, passing traditions (such as our sacred work) from generation to generation is called - L'dor va'dor.

II. The Arizona Hoarding Task Force

Mary Dickson, Co-Founder

- a. Mary is a co-founder of the Arizona Hoarding Task Force (www.azhoarding.com) and she provided attendees with a brief history of the AHTF and its current status in communities around the state.
- b. Here is the PowerPoint presentation Mary gave to attendees: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/MASTER-Presentation.pdf>

III. Updates

- a. Arizona Blue Ribbon. The Arizona Rattlers are providing free tickets for their July 26th Arena Football League game against the LA Kiss to foster and kinship families. Foster & Kinship families can register for the event at www.ArizonaBlueRibbon.org.
- b. Arizona Summit on Volunteerism and Service Learning. Faith Dunbar spoke of the annual summit on volunteerism (www.azsummit.org) taking place November 5th and 6th at the ASU West Campus. Anyone who wishes to lead a workshop at the summit must complete the paperwork no later than July 22nd. The Summit provides Arizona's volunteerism and civic engagement leaders an exceptional professional development and networking opportunity with the goal of further expanding and deepening skills to better serve Arizona's community needs.
- c. Office of Faith and Community Partnerships. Chuck Fitzgerald shared with attendees that this office was planning to move back to DES, and that future faith initiatives would be led out of the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family. Chuck did not have any other details than the fact that it would be happening very soon. He asked Council members to have a little more patience and to allow things to unfold. Chair Gary spoke about the great strides state government has made over



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recent years to connect meaningfully with the faith community, and this Office has been the catalyst for all of this progress. Chair Gary expressed his concern that the Governor's "faith" initiatives were transferring to the Office of Youth, Faith and Family...as if to indicate that faith initiatives would only be focused on youth and family. Chair Gary asked attendees, if they so choose, to call the Governor's Office and voice their opinions on this.

- d. Joy in July. Karyn Luke spoke of "a gift for teenagers" event being sponsored by Voices for CASA Children (www.voicesforcasachildren.org). If you'd like to help by providing gift cards, you may visit their gift card website at www.roonga.com/joyinjuly or use this flier: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Joy-in-July.pdf>
- e. Jane Wabnik announced that she is helping to lead the newly revived Jewish Community Relations Community!
- f. Other updates obtained outside of the meeting:
 - i. AIDS Walk Arizona & 5K Run. All of the information is here: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/AIDS-Walk-Arizona-2015-and-5K-run-Interfaith-Service.pdf>
 - ii. Arizonans for Prevention annual conference in August: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/ArizonansForPrevention.pdf>
 - iii. The 3rd Annual Family Connection Fun Day and Back to School Bash at the Salvation Army Kroc Center in south Phoenix on August 1st: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/FamilyConnection.pdf>

IV. Closing Remarks & Adjourn

- a. Chair Gary closed the meeting in prayer regarding the Office of Faith and Community.
- b. Next meeting is Thursday, July 23, 2015 at Catholic Charities.

Submitted by
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Office of Faith and Community