

**Arizona Council on
Faith-Based and Community Initiatives**
Minutes for August 25, 2011

The Arizona Council on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (<http://acfbci.org>) is dedicated to engaging and mobilizing faith communities to improve the quality of life for our most vulnerable and impoverished people through a statewide collaboration of faith-based, community and governmental organizations.

- Welcome, Invocation & Introductions
 - Vice-Chair Dr. Richard (Rick) Knopf welcomed attendees. Jessica Major led attendees in an opening prayer.
 - Attendees introduced themselves: Rick Knopf, Chuck Fitzgerald, Ben Sanders, Brian Simpson, Jon McHatton (phone), Jessica Major, Marvin Murray, Bob Brown, Bob Burns, Billy Thrall, Terrilynn Miller and Tom Fenner.
- Review of previous Meeting Minutes.
 - Minutes from the June 23, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.
- Updates
 - CityServe Arizona. Billy spoke of three goals for this year: 1) develop a website, 2) deliver Hope Fest Phoenix, and 3) further develop and inventory service best-practices and coalitions/networks involved in Season of Service.
Season of Service 2 begins in September, however, the official launch will take place on October 16th at Grand Canyon University in conjunction with Pinnacle Forum. The keynote speaker will be Ravi Zacharias.
HopeFest Phoenix will be held in later March or early April. Date and Location information will be available in the coming days.
The Council can help by providing communication and connection resources as these efforts proceed.
 - ArizonaSERVES. Chuck gave attendees a brief update on the Task Force and the website www.arizonaserves.gov. Next Task Force meeting is on September 16, 2011. Save the Date: ArizonaSERVES Summit, November 4, 2011 in Coolidge.
Chuck gave an example of how faith-based and community organizations might use the ArizonaSERVES website. See a “Foster Care Participation” connection example at: https://www.azdes.gov/Arizona_Serves.aspx?menu=332&id=6605
 - Transportation for the Underserved. Chuck spoke about how the West Valley Human Services Alliance (WVHSA; <http://wvhsa.acfbci.org>) will be hosting a Summit on February 10, 2011 in Goodyear. This will look very much like the Benevolence and Beyond Summit held in Goodyear last February. The WVHSA plans to bring community organizations together to address transportation solutions, especially for the needy. The Council will help to promote/support this effort.
It was suggested to include a transportation “immersion session” at the Summit, very much like the poverty simulations provided in Yuma by the Yuma C.A.R.T. and WACOG.
 - Statewide Network Mapping Project. Chuck spoke about a state-wide interactive mapping project that will be released on September 1st; this map will include all of the known human services community networks, and information on how to contact and connect with these networks. Approximately 40 such networks will be listed initially,

with the expectation of it growing to 200 in the coming months. This tool will be available to anyone.

- Seeking Common Ground for Serving the Common Good. Ben and Jessica spoke about a summit on April 23, 2012 at ASU in Tempe. The Council Of Religious Advisors (CORA), ASU and our Council are the lead entities for delivering this one day Summit. A plenary “by invitation only” for 350 leaders will be followed by many topical breakout sessions. Jessica has taken the lead for this project. Here are the areas where help is needed (Chair for each as well as committee members):
 - Keynote and Plenary Speakers
 - Workshops
 - Registration
 - Fundraising, PR & Marketing
 - Website
 - Attendee list
 - Technology
 - Onsite Hospitality
 - Parking & Transportation
 - Event Logistics

Anyone interested in being a part of the planning team should contact Jessica or Ben directly and/or attend the next planning session in Tempe. September 7th 1:15 - 2:30, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 735 South College Avenue, Tempe AZ 85281

- New Business.
 - Suggestion was made to invite an Arizona Centennial speaker to the next meeting.
 - Suggestion was made to explore how the Council, and its member organizations, can help to repair the reputation of Arizona and its communities.
- Closing Remarks and Adjourn
 - Next meeting is Thursday, September 22, 2011; 10 a.m. to 12 Noon at Catholic Charities, 4747 N. 7th Avenue, Phoenix.
 - Vice-Chair Rick thanked the attendees for their participation in yet another excellent meeting; we adjourned.

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