

Interfaith Council Meeting 02.10.2011

Brandon called meeting to order at 8:05

Rod opening prayer and explanation of the Chalice

Introductions and sharing of experiences of last week's cold weather.

Approval of December minutes. Jerry Kane commented that he would like a change to be made to the minutes: his absence of the last 2 meetings were due to documentable illness, and he would like it noted.

Motion by Jim, second by Sid. Motion passed.

Old Business

IFC student dialogue – Brandon passed out notes from the last meeting. Date would be March 3, 6 to 9 pm. Dr. Morgan would be the moderator for the event.

Double check with the groups about who will participate and how they will participate. Jerry Kane will get in touch with Sarah about his group's participation. Sal will check with Newman Center group for a Catholic representation.

(Brandon started discussion with Jim Ficklin about a phone list/email list that may be more readily available than what is currently on the web site. Web site is sufficient currently was the concensus.) Advertisement discussion: J. Ficklin said that a survey at last year's event about how attendees heard about the event revealed that paid advertisement was not effective. Particularly The Round Up has not been effective in the past. Word of mouth and posters were most effective.

Suggestions: Press releases, Sun News, Round Up article. Jim Lehman suggested a religious brief sent to Sun News as well as the Bulletin. Ficklin mentioned that our location this year will probably not attract as much spontaneous participation.

Brandon suggested posters and flyers, made by the planning committee. Jerry Kane suggested using Campus Activities for flyer cost. Ficklin mentioned that free social networking (Facebook, Twitter) and interpersonal communication would be most effective. Brandon suggest a text reminder a week out and the day of, so that our students can post on social networking. Motion made by J. Lehman to spend \$75 on advertisement. Last year was \$200. 2nd by Sal. Motion passed.

Granola Bar distribution: Daisy reported she handed out very quickly all her granola bars. She reported positive response.

New Business:

No Campus Activities report as Bruce was not present. Rev Kane commented that he is liason for invocations, and he is in the process of turning in the list of names for invocations to Campus Activities. He reported that they choose the people for invocation, we do not. He submitted the names (4) to Campus Activities. The department will be in touch with their choice for a non-denominational invocation.

Treasurer's report: Jim reported that it was basically the same. He reminded the group that dues should be paid. Annual dues are \$50. Groups that have joined in

mid-year can pro-rate their dues. Per month, its approximately \$6.50 a meeting. Bring checks next meeting made out to NMSU Interfaith Council

Recommendations for President-Elect

Brandon explained the responsibilities of the Pres-Elect. He asked for recommendations for Pres-elect. Rev. Kane suggested Heartsong or for Brandon to extend his term and work closely with a 2nd designated person, in an apprentice-training situation. Rev. Kane made motion to leave Brandon as president, Heartsong as Pres-elect. David Hansen 2nd. Brandon suggested Jim Ficklin or Sid. Elections would be done in April. All nominations would have to be completed in March. David Hansen motioned to table this discussion until next meeting.

Individual Group Updates

St. Anthony has an official group on campus now (Father Gabriel). Its Eastern Greek Orthodox. Discussion about possibly bringing in the group to IFC. Sal agreed to contact them again, as they came a few times to the IFC meetings.

Sal reported church burglary and 4 others reported damage as well. Many churches are being targeted. A warning to the churches.

PSU will host E7 (E series) on April 9th. This is a free event open to the public, and will be at the RE building of the UU church. This is a day of workshops and lectures about concepts in pagan spirituality as well as UU concepts.

Review Member attendance: January meeting issues. Brandon asked for update on the Constitution. Ficklin will update the web site after Brandon and Heartsong contacts the groups that have missed too many meetings.

Rev. Kane asked for RSVP for next meeting from anyone.

Brandon motion to close meeting. Sal 2nd. End 919 am

Attendance:

Brandon Pelton	[Cru]
Jim Lehman	Holy Family
Jerry Kane	Hillel/TBE
Daisy Maldonado	Muslim Student Association
Sabine Green	Pagan Student Union
Bethany Self	Aggies for Christ
David Hansen	Friends Meeting
Jim Ficklin	Latter Day Saints
Sid Druen	Reformed University Fellowship
Rod Thompson	Unitarian Universalist
Sal Melendrez	Newman Center