

## **NMSU Interfaith Council December meeting**

**Jim Lehman Holy Family, Jerry Kane Hillel Jewish Students, Sarah Heartsong UUCLC, Michael LaTora, Buddhist Fellowship, Jeanne Lutz Lutheran Campus Ministry, Jim Ficklin LDS, Rod Thompson UUCLC, Sue Thiem Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Steve Helmreich Lutheran, Bruce Vandevender NMSU Campus Activities, Brandon Pelton CRU, Sid Druen RUF, Sabine Green PSU**

**Opening Prayer by Jeanne Lutz.**

**Introductions by everyone with traditions of what we do to celebrate our holy days.**

**Heartsong asks about the concept of “consensus” being used instead of Robert’s Rules. She briefly discussed the two different concepts and opened it up to discussion. J. Ficklin states that a vote is a pro-active action, as consensus is a silence if you are not opposed. Discussion then lead to having a modified version of both. 1. Have a statement of what the issue is. 2. Have a vote. 3. Amendments are part of discussion, and no need for the 2<sup>nd</sup> of a motion. Sid promises to have a training in Robert’s Rules of Orders “pre-meeting” before he begins his “reign” as president. Haha.**

**Approval of minutes as stands by all**

**\$1,167.22 balance in the account**

**Rabbi Kane asks about Wesley Center. How can we get them involved? J. Lehman says he talked to Jan and she is interested but that the representative is not attending. J. Ficklin suggests that a letter from the president of the IFC to the representative. Heartsong will call the representative to find out what is going on, since they are a paid member. J. Ficklin reminded us that Community of Christ has not been in attendance as well.**

**Interfaith Dialogue : Randy Harris will help with the Great Conversations. Wait until after the holidays (January) to start weekly meetings. IFD is going to happen in March. First meeting is January 15<sup>th</sup> at Spirit Winds at 430 pm. Heartsong asks for student participation. Heartsong explains the format of the Great Conversation. Bruce states that they are a chartered organization. Can we ask Randy to come to the planning meeting in January and to the IFC meeting in February. Sabine will send out the rules of the Great conversation for the IFC to review.**

**Additional groups for the IFC to join. Daisy was not around to present the draft letter. If Daisy gets that to Heartsong she will post it to the list for all to see. If Daisy has not done a letter then Heartsong will create one. Find out what happened to Daisy first, via phone call.**

**Faith and Families was supposed to be present at the meeting...Jim Lehman volunteered to help. A congregation in New Orleans (2000 people, 600 clergy)...Sara Nolan is the local contact. Jim reported that they met with the attorney general. It is a faith based organized lobbying for foreclosure**

negotiations. (Dual track system) Leaders to use their voice to create justice, by using scripture as reference. Action at the cathedral helps people to see things a little more transparently. This involves local politicians ...a civil rights movement that starts on the bottom not the top. The announcements that J. Lehman gets will go out to the list serve.

Presentation of a gift of thanks for her service to Jeanne Lutz

Campus Activities: exams next week, commencement is 10 am Saturday Dec 10, Noche de Luminarias Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, Student Affairs and enrollment is contacting students that have not registered as of yet to find out what is going on. (Short by 5,000 credit hours)

Individual reports

Adjourned with a silent prayer by Sue at 930.

Next meeting February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Parking in the back.

622 Mesquite St. at the Friends House.