

NMSU Interfaith Council

March 3, 2011

Welcome and Announcements

In attendance: Brandon Pelton (CRU), Jim Lehman (Holy Family), Rod Thompson and Sarah Heartsong (Unitarian Universalist Church), Sabine Green (Pagan Student Union), Daisy Maldonado (Muslim Student Association), Sid Druen (Reformed University Fellowship), Bruce Vandevender (NMSU Campus Activities), David Hansen (Religious Society of Friends), Jim Ficklin (LDS), Michael La Torra (Buddhist Group-Zen Ctr of LC), and Jerry Kane (Hillel-Temple Beth El)

Opening Prayer: Rabbi Kane

Presentation- Turning Point (Chris Lang)

Approval of Feb 2011 Minutes- moved, seconded and approved by consensus with one correction- Jim Lehman's name was misspelled in the discussion of the IF Dialogue.

Old Business

Student Interfaith Dialogue- We are set up and ready to go. Sarah Heartsong briefed the group about where we are.

Recommendation for President 2011 to 2012. Discussion of who might actually fill the panel of officers and Sarah Heartsong accepted the nomination for President with the note that she will need a strong supportive presence with the rest of the Council and she will delegate! ☺

New Business

Campus Activities: (Bruce)

- Seeing more fund raising around campus. This could be for varying reasons.
- Later part of April will be diversity programming. That is packed for end of March/April schedule
- There is an increase in religious groups- a new one called WAKE. There is also a group part of the World Church- April 1 with a night of praise. Groups are taking more interest in bringing religion/spirituality to the forefront
- April 29th for new student registration. Unknown if there will be another Club Rush at that time. Bruce will let us know if that will be happening.

Treasurer's Update: reminder for us to get our checks in for dues (\$50 each) they are supposed to be paid this month per our bylaws made out to Interfaith Council. If we need to mail- Jim

Lehman, Holy Family Church, 702 Parker Rd, LC, NM 88005. No change in the balance since the last time, but we will have some receipts to add in after tonight's Interfaith Dialogue.

Visitor's Pass (weekly): This is available for those of us who are non-paid advisors for student organizations. Go to the Campus Police or on-line to print out. This will let you park basically anywhere on campus that are not time sensitive or handicapped.

Meeting with the NMSU President (in May) needs follow-up (usually the 1st Thur in May). Last year they didn't invite the students and we need to make sure that she knows that historically the student leader is always invited. Sabine will make the first contact with Jolie Tixier and will follow up with Brandon with what she needs to do.

Recommendations for 2011-2012 IFC Officers: Sid Druen agreed to accept nomination for President Elect, Sabine Green is willing to be Secretary, Jim willing to continue with Treasurer. Jim Ficklin willing to continue to maintain the website and mailing list. Brandon Pelton will be the executive advisor. This panel was moved and seconded and passed with consensus.

Member Attendance: In order to stay as an active member we have to attend at least 4 meetings. Sarah and Brandon will talk to the groups that have not been present and gently remind them that attendance is necessary. Our bylaws say that they have to come and explain why they are not making the meetings and if they want to continue to be on the council.

Individual Group Updates:

- Muslim Student Union working on getting an Imam in to speak to the students at NMSU.
- Friends- really wanted to be at the Student Interfaith Dialogue and will be there even without a student to put on the panel. The planning group students for the IFD granted an exception.
- Talked about re-chartering groups that happens at the end of the semester and early fall.

Rabbi Kane and his wife were thanked for their gracious hospitality to the group. Rabbi Kane also closed with the prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 09:35. Next meeting at the Wesley Student Center in April and Brandon will talk to them and update us if this isn't available.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Heartsong, Secretary