

Interfaith Council Meeting  
March 5, 2009

Jeannie welcomed everyone and began the meeting.

Opening Prayer: Sam Cluff  
Introductions...

Rabbi Kane thanked Brandon for thorough notes from the last council meeting.

Any updates to the old minutes? David Richman... correct his last name in the previous notes.

***New Business:***

Campus Activities Update: Susan Waldo

- May 2<sup>nd</sup>, New Student Orientation and will mail out 4095 admits
- NSE Conference March 10-13
- Awards were increased (Hubbard, Orozco, Roberts)
- ASNMSU HS Student Leadership Conference March 13-14 (Diane Dennis will be main presenter)
- National Leader Speaker Del Suggs will speak Monday March 16<sup>th</sup> with a few different presentations... get students there ([www.saltwatermusic.com/leader.html](http://www.saltwatermusic.com/leader.html))
- HELP! Request from Interim President Cruzado: Spring Break Opportunities for Community Service... *please contact Susan if you know of options, locally or throughout the Unites States***
- HELP! Space for Muslim Students Association to use daily**
  - Rabbi Kane-Could the MSA reconsider joining the InterFaith Council?

Activity Report from various groups...

Bob Watts: March 9<sup>th</sup>, Monday at 6:30pm, The Role of a Volunteer Visitor (handout).  
[ Cru ]: Men of Honor Scholarship for \$500 to one man in the Greek system.

**Muslim Student Association (MSA) Meeting Opportunity**

DISCUSSION...

- Rabbi Kane wonders if we should allow them to use the Interfaith office since they are not a member of the InterFaith Council.
- Questions to clarify: Do they want to meet all day, twice a day or what? For a limited amount of time like a few weeks, a semester, indefinite?
- Jim Ficklin-The MSA has approached us numerous times to see if they can be a part of the group. The problem has been that they do not have an affiliation with a larger religious group and, therefore, have not been allowed to join because of the by-laws.

- Nancy-Invite them to join the group
- Rabbi Citrin-We need to ask them to take some responsibility (dues and finding a longer-term solution for a meeting space)
- [ Cru ] is using the room to meet/pray from 9-10am Monday through Thursday
- Make a Motion to Contact the group as we've stated below.*

**We may have a space that could meet their need. We would like a representative or two to come and meet with the IFC group to discuss their possible usage of the IFC office space.**

### ***Presentation by Rabbi Paul Citrin on Jewish Sacred Texts***

Notion of Humanity and Universalism

- Rabbi Citrin handed out some copied texts.
- Genesis 1:26 "Let us make man in our image."
- Paul offered the following book as recommended reading, Sacks on The Dignity of Difference published in '02.

### **Presentation** from Sandy and Margaret about *Peace Village*

- Sandy and Anne Nalls helped begin Peace Village in 2006. There are two, one-week camps that children can participate in.
- Lots of different groups were involved, both interfaith and other community organizations, this past year.
- A number of different and very qualified people have offered leadership and time to help make Peace Village a success.
- A few of the facets of Peace Village are meditation, healthy conflict resolution, environmental awareness, interactive world experiences, games where everyone wins and cultural presentations.

***Tentatively set for July 6-10 and July 13-17. They still hope to find a place that is larger.***

- Contact Margaret Bishop at 527.9198 or [peacevillagelcnn@yahoo.com](mailto:peacevillagelcnn@yahoo.com) if you are interested in volunteering.
- Also, if you know of educators that would like to present than let them know as well.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### *Update on Student Interfaith Dialogue*

- April 16<sup>th</sup> at Peace Lutheran Church at 5:30pm with a light supper. It will run until 8pm.
- An e-mail was sent out to all chartered religious organizations on campus to invite them to participate.
- Up to 10 participants per group.
- Suggested topics for small group discussion are on the handouts from Jeannie
- Next meeting we will talk about IFC volunteers for the Dialogue in April***

### **DUES**

-We had a brief discussion on dues and agreed that we would keep them at the current amount of \$50 per organization annually.

**-Can Jeannie send a reminder to bring IFC dues to the May meeting (or possibly in April).**

*-Make checks out to NMSU Interfaith Council*

*Rabbi Kane*-What about groups that have not come to the Interfaith Council meeting consistently? Response... Everyone is up to date. David Sallee is not functioning as a campus minister anymore.

## OFFICER ELECTIONS

-They will take place during our April meeting. They will be elected for the coming term. Secretary, Treasurer and President Elect will be chosen. Sam Cluff is the current President Elect and he will be taking over the responsibilities of President of IFC.

*Closing Prayer: Rabbi Kane*

Attendance:

Jeanne Lutz	Lutheran Campus Ministry
Brandon Pelton	[ Cru ]
Sam Cluff	LDS Institute
Susan Waldo	NMSU
Bob Watts	Community of Christ
Nancy Anderson	Unitarian Universalist
Jim Lehman	Holy Family
Margaret Bishop	UU Peace Village
Sandra BarMcQ	UU Peace Village
Maggie Feil	Temple Beth El Peace Village
Robert Akin	RUF
Jerry Kane	Temple Beth El Hillel
Paul Citrin	Temple Beth El Hillel
David Richman	Las Cruces Friends
Sal Melendrez	Newman Center
Jim Ficklin	LDS