

Meeting called to order by Sid at 8:07

Introductions. 18 in attendance.

Old Business:

Minutes approval : Jeanie suggests to amend minutes on last line from September to May. Jerry moves to approve meeting with amendment. Motion passes.

Treasurer's report: \$1, 3..... Jerry asks if we have written a check to the Wesley Center for the Empty Bowls project. Discussion of how to include Wesley Center again. Vincent Hope from CRU will be talking to Wesley center

Everyone has paid their dues

New Business

Julie Nelson and Red Cross Comfort Kits: a presentation about Red Cross kits

Locally all the comfort kits have been distributed during the Great Freeze of 2011 in February. 5,000 kits need to be created for the Las Cruces area once again. Adult kit: razor, 2 oz. shave gel, .85 oz. fluoride toothpaste, 3.5 oz. bar of soap, 8 oz. shampoo, 2 oz. lotion, deodorant, packet of pocket tissue, washcloth, 8 inch comb. Youth Kit: 3.5 oz bar soap, 2 oz. shampoo, youth toothbrush, .85 oz. fluoride toothpaste, washcloth, 5 inch comb, small pack of crayons, activity/coloring book. Collection boxes in each of our student organization buildings and community buildings (ie: club office and church). Date to get started is October 9th. A commitment is needed by week's end. The 5,000 kits will need to be collected by December. Meeting October 16th at LDS institute to distribute collection boxes, and a list of the items collected. A student representative should be present, and they will be the chair for the project and the contact person. A blog has been created to help with organizing. Kit assembly will be the week of the 12th of December. Sue asks if money donations are appropriate. Julie says yes. Sal suggests that there should multiple organizations to help advertise. A discussion of this being too short of a time period, and how we are already doing works with fighting hunger. Many of us already have social action projects. Proposal from Jim to make IFC a point place to call for contacts to have each of us use our organizations. Rod moves to let our student organizations and parent organizations with amendment from Jim L. to make IFC in support, but that the work will be done through the individual organizations. Motion passes unanimously. Sid suggests we re-address this in November at the meeting. Bruce reminds that Campus Activity request forms need to be filled out for all the actions taken.

Religious Tolerance Panel.

Residence Hall Student Government. Derrick Vincent. Sponsored by housing department. Sid explains that the organization wants to merge their project with interfaith dialogue. Advocacy and tolerance is the focus of this group. Within the campus community, it's a good way to learn. Original focus was to create something Fall 2011. Now moving through to Spring 2011. Suggests we move

together, and that they would be able to sponsor the dialogue. They will be interested to help with finances, such as food purchases etc. Discussion about several student organizations/programs that are interested in this program. We need the support of the other groups to spread the word and have the IFD better attended. Discussion moved to the fact that we need a chair for the IFD...would Heartsong do this again? Jerry suggests she does it, and Sal says that he will help. Jeanne volunteered some help. Sabine and Jim Ficklin will help. Friends of Quakers – Richmond will possibly help out. Jim moves to make Sarah a chair, and make Sal and Sabine secondary chairs. Second from Sal. Motion passed. Rod motions to partner with RTP through Student Government to host the IFD. Discussion for the food – Bruce will give the food again, Jim F suggests that RTP will help financially with the advertisement.

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IFD committee – Heartsong, Sal and Jeanne and Sabine to help. Possibly Richmond as well.

Programming for next month – Jim Lehman with mental health issues in places of worship. Management of the students with these issues. Counseling center will not be able to do much. Jim states he would prefer to do his presentation on his own, without the Counseling center. This is training for the IFC members. Sid puts this to a vote. Daisy seconds. Passes unanimously. Will put this first before old and new business in next months agenda. November 3rd.

Where the next meeting will be? Daisy reports the MSU cannot host with a facility. Jim L suggests his facility. Jerry suggests Corbett. Beatrice is not in attendance and did not send a report about her hosting plans. Discussion about where...Daisy will report soon.

Additional groups for the IFC – Bruce passes out a list of chartered religious groups. Bruce will send out a personal invitation to everyone inviting them to become active at IFC. Homework for us to look through the list and decide whom we will pursue. A discussion of what is an advisor for theJerry moves we table it to December. Motion passes.

Campus Activities: Oct 9 to 16 Tough Enough to Wear Pink, Homecoming October 23 to 30th, President active with Student Affairs through “check in- check up” for freshman. Resource directory from Student Success Program.

Individual Organization Updates:

Jerry – story about Peace Corp student. He reported that Daisy was able to help him successfully find a tutor for learning Arabic.

PSU – PPD

Sal – lunch program – run the kitchen and give back to a cause. This year they are focused on food and hunger to Newman food bank, Casa de Peregrinos, and International October 10th, 24th, and 31st. tacos, beans and rice.

Jim L. – Mexican’s in Exile. Assylum for refugees from the violence in Mexico. Counseling, support, fundraiser October 15th 6 to 11. Sally Hunter 526-9086 for ticket sales. Mick is Community Unity Coalition – make Las Cruces safe, focusing on bullying. Every 3rd Tuesday at County Wide building. Anti-bullying issues, including Las Cruces Public Schools, FYI, and others.

Jeanne – Lutheran Advocacy Ministry – he has brochures. See You at the Pole. First time that Lutherans were not the largest population at the poles.

Jerry – El Caldito October 20th Empty Bowls event at St. Paul’s Church. Campus component through Wesley center.

Sal – keep Brandon in our prayers. They are still in Albuquerque.

Jim – LDS group this Saturday will be doing a service for the Community of Hope. Volunteers will be painting, gardens, parking lot striping, etc. Their budget does not include custodial services.

Closing –

Attendance:

Sal Melendrez St. Albert’s Newman Center

Sue Thiem Quakers

Bruce Vandevender NMSU campus activities

Jerry Kane Hillel Jewish students

Jim Lehman Holy Family

Mick Smith Holy Family

Jeanne Lutz Lutheran Campus Ministry

Jim Ficklin and Julie Nelson and Scott Bird from LDS

Sid Druen RUF

Rod Thompson UU

Vincent Hope CRU

Kyle Rice Aggies for Christ

Michael LaTorra Zen Center

Daisy Maldonado MSA

Sabine Green PSU