

Interfaith Council Meeting May 7, 2009

Opening Prayer: Jeanne Lutz

President Cruzado welcomes the group together and shares a few opening words

Breakfast was great! Thank you!!

President Cruzado shares:

Some lessons learned this year...

1. There are so many commitments that I cannot think sequentially. It's difficult to reflect for each occasion and opportunity.
2. Leadership is difficult. I've asked myself, "Why do I want to do this?"
 - a. There is a void of leaders in academia.
 - b. There is a multiplicity of programs (or at least leadership opportunities)

*We must ask ourselves 'WHY?'

*It can't be about fame or remuneration.

3. Nothing will completely prepare you for your next leadership opportunity.
4. We cannot lead solely for ourselves. We must focus on others.
5. Leadership boils down to our values. We will always be tested.
6. The greatest satisfaction is to put people first.
 - a. Monday updates every Monday
 - b. Celebrate people... Amazing Aggies
7. It's all about providing inspiration.
 - Good leaders lead, great leaders persuade.

Paul Citrin asks the President, "What are the great challenges the university faces?"

-Continuing to retain students in the midst of many individual challenges students face.

-The economy is currently tough. Thankfully, the state provides 38% of the NMSU budget.

A few highlights...

-Criminal Justice is #4 in the nation.

-Engineering is #20 in the nation.

Just broke the 31,000 student mark (17,000 for Las Cruces Main Branch) for enrollment for all NMSU schools.

Closing (Middle ☺) Prayer

Old Business:

*Minutes of April Meeting – Accepted

*Jan Archey – Treasurer’s Report... about the same as last month

-‘Thank you’ received from Peace Village for \$250 gift

-‘Thank you’ from Jeanne in regards to her surgery and the flowers we sent.

*Energy Bar distribution on Tuesday instead of Monday

-went really well. 80% took bars and many were very grateful.

Student Interfaith Dialogue

-Went well overall and they would like to do it again next year.

-One more next year.

New Business:

Update from Susan Waldo. *New Student Orientation* was successful for the first time around. Many more to go.

Call Rose for a table set up for individual groups at newstudentprograms@nmsu.edu

Baha’i had Ridvan April 20-May 2

Gift for Jeanne presented by Jan Archey. Jeanne gives her thanks to the group for support.

Those in attendance were:

Jeanne Lutz	Lutheran Campus Ministry	Scott Moore	NMSU
David B. Richman	Las Cruces Society of Friends	Jan Archey	Wesley Foundation
Jim Ficklin	LDS	Heath Mo Tgaden	"
Bobbie Derlin	Division of Student Success	Kaelan Lambson	LDSSA
Jerry Kane	Hillel Temple Beth El	Michael La Torra	Zen Center of LC
Kevin Macklin	Hillel	David Salee	Bridge Ministries
Paul Citrin	Temple Beth-El	Angela Gallegos	The Caring Bridge
Jim Lehman	Holy Family	Sal Melendrez	Newman
Brandon Pelton	[Cru]	Mona Alvarez	Newman
Jalel Mohtashami	Baha'i		
Mitch Dowalgo, CSB	Newman		
Susan Waldo	Campus Activities		
Beatriz Ferreira	Baha'i		
Nancy Anderson	Unitarian Universalist		