

# NMSU Inter-Faith Council

Business Session Minutes – October 1st

Call to Order at 8:25 am

Opening Prayer – Jared Carson

Present- Larry Karol, Lance Renfro, Xavier Torres, Jared Carson, Jim Lehman, Beatriz Ferreira, Gabriel Rochelle, Radwan Jallad, Scott Bird

Approval of Minutes – from September 2015

Treasurers Report: \$1859.69 (Jim Lehman)

Guest Presenter- Daisy Maldonado, La Pinon Sexual Assault Recovery Services. Daisy works on cases with NMSU concerning any sexual assault reports/cases. NMSU reported 6 sexual assaults last year (2013 Report), 3 forcible rape and 3 non-forcible rape. National average: 1 in 4 women will be sexually assaulted over the course of their college years. Brochures were given; "NMSU: Sexual Misconduct Don't Be Silent Speak Up & Report It", and La Pinon pamphlet. La Pinon does respond to the ER if needed. Daisy Maldonado is the contact for La Pinon: 575-526-3437 or 1-888-595-7273 (24- hour crisis line), or [office@lapinon.org](mailto:office@lapinon.org). Daisy's email: [daisy@lapinon.org](mailto:daisy@lapinon.org).

Report from the Campus Activities Director

- Student Groups need to be registered by the end of this week (Oct. 2)

Group Sharing and Updates

- Oct. 16- Coffee House event at Wesley Center at 7pm.
- Oct. 3- Muslim Student Association will have a guest speaker at the NMSU Spiritual Center. Topic: "The Way of the Wayfarer", begins at 12 noon.
- Rabbi Carol reported on High Holy Day Services and Yam Kippor. "Creativity for Peace" will be on Wednesday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Temple Beth El. Sunday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm Temple Beth El will host an Inter-Faith service of Gratitude if you would like to participate contact Rabbi Larry Carol.
- Annual Regional Bahai Convention will be held here in Las Cruces on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Nine members will be elected for the National Convention.
- Oct. 31, 11am- Holy Family ANCC will celebrate their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, everyone is invited. Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> will be celebrating the death of St. Francis, begins at 5pm.
- St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission will hold a lecture series on 8 consecutive Tuesdays at 7pm from October 6 through November 24<sup>th</sup> (for more information contact Gabriel Rochelle). There is a 5pm service each Saturday, everyone welcome.
- Lutheran Campus Ministry- 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month holds a Taize & Bible study service at the Spiritual Center.

Old Business

- NMSU Commencement for Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> – Jared Carson will give the invocation.

- Jared will follow up with Pres. Carruthers of NMSU concerning the commencement invocations and different ceremonies.

**New Business**

- Sharing Hopes and Dreams for NMSU Interfaith Council suggestions: how can we work with commonalities on the Council? Opportunities to serve: Halloween Can Food Drives, Crop Walk (walk for hunger), Opportunities to feed and serve the poor.
- Questions to consider: Are we an Inter-Faith group for NMSU or for the city? Should we begin reaching out to the community?
- Promotional materials (t-shirts, banners, display board): Inter-Faith picnic associated with a sermon, activity.
- Address the question about dues

**Announcements**

- Next meeting, Nov. 5, 8am at the Islamic Center of LC
- Host needed for March 3<sup>rd</sup> (someone volunteered, but catch who that was)

Closing Prayer- Radwan Jallad

**Adjournment of Meeting**

Date	Location	Host	Time	Program
Nov 5	Islamic Center of LC	Radwan Jallad	8:00 am	
Dec 3	Temple Beth-El	Rabbi Larry Karol	8:00 am	Chanukah Presentation
Feb 4	Holy Family ANCC	Fr. Jim Lehman	8:00 am	
Mar 3				
Apr 7	LDS Institute	Scott Bird	8:00 am	
May 5	NMSU, Corbett Center	Office of the President	7:30am	President's Breakfast