

Inter-Faith Council Meeting April 2 2015

Opening: Scott Bird

Approval of March 5, 2015 Minutes

NMSU Interfaith Council- April 2, 2015

Called to order at 8:10am

Members Present: Scott Bird, Larry Karol, Lance Renfro, Xavier Torres, Radwan Jallad, Sal Melendrez, Bruce Vandevender, Jared Carson

Bruce: reviewed the Fitch Rating for NMSU, currently a 'AA-'. NMSU is not laying off anyone, if you hear otherwise please know there is no lay off's at NMSU.

May 7 meeting will begin at 7:30am this year. Watch for the Presidents invitation in your emails.

Group Updates:

Jared: Lutheran Campus Ministry is preparing for a trip to Taize, France in 2016. There will be a blessing of students the Wednesday before Finals week at the Spiritual Center.

Xavier: a mission trip will be going to Juarez on April 23.

Sal: preparing for Spring Retreat the weekend after Easter. In September a "road trip" is planned to see Pope Frances.

Larry: Apr. 26th Jewish Folk Food Festival from 8am-3pm, for tickets talk to Rabbi Larry Karol.

Old Business:

Reviewed the letter (which is attached) being sent to the NMSU President concerning invocation standards at NMSU events. Issues that were brought up: the individuals involved were not associated with the Inter-Faith Council due to a late invitation from the President over Winter Break. Suggestions were given and the letter will be amended accordingly.

April 17th there will be prayers offered for Holocaust victims at Temple Bethel.

New Business:

New elections for IFC nominations are as follows (drum roll please...) Jared Carson as President; Xavier Torres as President-Elect; Scott Bird as Secretary; Jim Lehman as Treasurer. All nominations were approved by the Council members present.

Granola Bars for Final Week: Lance, Radwan and Jared will purchase Granola bars. Meet at the LDS Institute (1425 East University Ave) Monday, May 4th at 8am.

Radwan has sent a check to Jim for IFC dues.

April 25th- an opportunity to set up table for your group to “meet and greet” incoming NMSU freshman during Freshman Orientation, Bruce will email further information. We discussed setting up an IFC table which contains fliers, etc. for each of the organizations/denominations affiliated with IFC, to be manned by members of the council at different times over the course of the day. Sal, Xavier, Jared and Scott will organize the table, banner, etc.

Closing Rabbi Larry Karol