

## NMSU Interfaith Council - Minutes - Meeting on April 3, 2014

Meeting called to order at 8:17 am

Attending: Rev. Dalene Fuller Rogers, Peace Lutheran; Julie Woody, UUCLC; Beatriz Ferreira, Baha'i; Lance Renfro, Living Hope Christian Church; Bruce Vandevender, NMSU Campus Activities; Scott Bird, LDS Church; Father Gabriel Rochelle, OCF, St. Anthony Orthodox Mission; Father Jim Lehman, Holy Family Church; Rabbi Larry Karol of Temple Beth-El (Hillel) presiding.

Opening prayer by Larry

Minutes - Lance Renfro - correct last name.

Beatriz add last name and correct first name.

Minutes received as presented.

Treasurer's report

Balance in account - \$1584.01

Dues should come in at next meeting or in September for the next school year.

Bruce Vandevender reported on campus events

Lottery scholarship is a major issue currently - funded 100% of tuition for this semester

They will make changes for next year.

Legacy students - continue to receive as in the past - if you have received 3 semesters of scholarship, you are a legacy student.

Students who entered after 2012 will have eligibility requirements to maintain scholarships

15 credits, 3 semesters at a community college can be included, 2.5 gpa

7 semesters can be funded

amount of scholarships will be determined by NM Higher Education department by June 1 each year

There have been 20-25 new charters for student organizations since fall.

Some are religious groups- we can look to see if there are groups we want to contact

Spiritual Center - Breaking ground on April 25 - We are invited to lunch that day at 12:00-1:15 then to the groundbreaking. Rabbi Larry Karol has been asked to speak.

Graduations - Jim Lehman AM Larry Afternoon - May 10.

Elections -

Julie moved

Jim seconded

Slate keeping current officers passed unanimously pending Sabine's acceptance of her nomination.

Rabbi Larry - Hillel students will work at the Jewish Food and Folk Festival at Temple Beth-El on Sunday, April 6.

Julie - UU low on students - Peace Camp - one week - third week of July  
Beatriz - summer school programs attended by Baha'i students.  
Scott - doing a community Easter musical celebration on Sunday, April 13.  
Jim - went to ecumenical Wednesday lunch for Lent in Alamogordo recently. He thinks something like this would be good for Las Cruces for an interfaith context.

Guest presentation: Border Servant Corps - Kari Lenander, Director

Americorps affiliated

If participants complete service - they get an award that counts to \$5000 per year

BSC open to anyone

Religious aspect defined as spirituality - not as any particular group

Participants are Open to exploring spirituality

They learn about and practice different traditions throughout the year

BSC Volunteers work in schools

At the Community of Hope campus

Serve as Peace camp volunteers

There are 2 volunteer houses in Las Cruces

Values - Simplicity

\$100 a month for personal stipend

in house \$600 per month

Provide bicycles for volunteers

Environmental stewardship and financial stewardship

Focus is on Charity and social justice to make systemic change

Community living facilitates delving into charity and social justice

Most volunteers post undergraduate and pre-grad programs

Some are in the middle of college

Exciting to go away from home, but some from local area

Immersion groups come to learn about life near the border

16th year of BSC - fall in 1997

Part of Catholic volunteer network

Exercise on a family of 4

See photo! We had an interesting and thoughtful discussion about budgeting at the income levels we set.

Dalene Fuller Rogers offered the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.