

NMSU InterFaith Council Meeting Agenda – December 3rd, 2015

Call to Order at 8:10am

Opening Prayer – (Rabbi Karol)

Approval of Minutes - from November 2015

Present- Larry Karol, Lance Renfro, Xavier Torres, Bruce Vandevender, Jared Carson, Jim Lehman, Helen McKinney, Scott Bird

Treasurers Report: \$1643.99

Report from the Campus Activities Director – Bruce

- Course Finals week Dec. 7-11.
- NMSU has ranked 42 as the “most under rated college of the year,” and “top military friendly school” in national magazines, etc.
- Dec. 6 evening- NMSU Lumaries- ice skating, hot cocoa and wagon rides.
- NMSU choir Holiday Concert at St. Paul’s.
- “Calling all Aggies”- an effort to follow up with any students who have not re-enrolled for Spring Term.
- Campus Health Center has been accredited for another 3 years.
- Go to “Presidents Home Page” or “NMSU Hotline” for a weekly update of NMSU events, recognitions, etc.

Special Presentation from Rabbi Karol on Chanukah

Group Sharing and Updates

- Larry Karol (Temple Beth El) 1000 Rabbis support welcoming refugees- Syrian Refugees.
- Lance Renfro (Living Hope Christian Church) currently meeting on campus, over Christmas Break will be meeting at Lance’s house.
- Xavier Torres (Wesley Foundation) will be working on “survival gift bags” for students during finals week.
- Jim Lehman (Holy Family ANCC) currently teaching at NMSU
- Helen McKinney (Las Cruces Friends- Quaker Community) Friends Committee is addressing the Syrian Refugee situation, New Mexico sentencing process for drunk drivers.
- Scott Bird (LDS) Sunday, Dec 6 at 6pm with be the First Presidencies Christmas Devotional Broadcast.
- Jared Carson (Peace Lutheran) finished a series of 3 conversations about Racism, Will be holding a service at the Spiritual Center Wednesday of Finals Week at 8pm Taize Worship Service.

Old Business

- Sharing Hopes and Dreams for NMSU Interfaith Council

- We are advocates to the NMSU administration.
- We are here to address any issues that NMSU may need our assistance with.
- We would like to hold 1 dialogue during the course of the school year and 1 service per school year.
- Promotional materials (t-shirts, banners, display board)
- Address the question about dues: \$50 dues are due.

New Business

- Jared Carson will organize an Inter-Faith Council Dialogue. Suggested topics: Racism
- Scott Bird will organize IFC Spring Service opportunity: NMSU Cupboard is in need of canned food items for students in distress. Proposed Plan:

- Beginning February 1st start collecting canned food items in each congregation.
- Saturday, March 5th meet at a designated location to deliver all items to NMSU Cupboard.
- Canned Food Requirements: cannot have an expired date; only non-perishable items allowed.
- Items needed most: proteins (tuna, chicken, peanut butter, beans).
(NMSU contact info: Lori Martinez, NMSU Social Work Services/Aggie Cupboard Counseling Center/ Campus Health Center (575) 646-2731)

-Granola Bars Final Weeks: Xavier Torres will organize this event.

Exam Times:

Monday-Wednesday: 8-10; 10:30, 1pm, 3:30 (and Thursday)

Announcements

- No Meeting in January
- Next Meeting, February 4th at 8am Holy Family ANCC on Parker.

Closing Prayer – Father Jim (Holy Family ANCC)

Adjournment of the Meeting

Date	Location	Host	Time	Program
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