

NMSU Inter-Faith Council

Business Session Minutes – September 3rd

Call to Order at 8:25 am

Opening Remarks- Jared Carson

- Approval to use the list of students collected from the summer NMSU Freshman Orientations.
- Reviewed IFC statement found in the NMSU Undergraduate View Book.
- In an effort to raise the profile of IFC, Jared has been reaching out to the Greek organizations, also IFC t-shirts, banner and display board.
- Discussion about \$50 IFC dues. Question arose concerning the amount of IFC dues, consider decreasing the amount of dues. Jared suggested tabling this discussion for our October 2015 Goals Session. Please bring your check book in October so dues can be paid after/during the October meeting.

Opening Prayer – Site Host (Jason Carson)

Present- Larry Karol, Lance Renfro, Xavier Torres, Bruce Vandevender, Jared Carson, Jim Lehman, Casie Calway, Rachel Wilbur-Beard, Sureyya Husain, Beatriz Ferreira, Gabriel Rochelle, Sal Melendrez, Scott Bird

Approval of Minutes - from May 2015

Treasurers Report: \$1859.69 (Jim Lehman)

Introduction and Report from the Campus Activities Director

- Peace Socials & Environment Committee requesting the support of the IFC.
- Islamic Center: having booths at farmers market, finding permanent Emmaun.
- UU- any Pagan affiliates can join the UU group. For more information about serve at Mesilla Valley Community of Hope contact Casie Calway.
- Wesley- new campaign to reach out to students using NMSU advertising. Annual Golf Tournament Sept. 19th.
- Bahai Community- starting global campaign using art to show how people can come together. With the purchase of each piece of art, funds are donated to the community. Beatriz works with Community of Hope as a volunteer housing attorney.
- Temple Beth-El- put in add in the Aggie paper to out-reach to students. Sept. 13-14 Jewish New Year.
- Orthodox Christian Church- 65 members in Las Cruces after 6 years of presence. Working on an Earn-A-Bike Program for children through the city. Connected to, but independent of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.
- Holy Family- celebrating 20 years for the church in Las Cruces Oct. 31, 11am. For more information contact Jim Lehman.
- Newman Center- adding an Associate Pastor, Father Alex. Using the NMSU news feeds to advertise.

- Peach Lutheran- addressed the church bombings within the community. Hoping to plan a trip to Taize, France. Will be holding Taize worship once a month at the NMSU Spiritual Center on the 3rd Thursday of the month (for more information contact Jared Carson). Has discussed with other clergy over the summer Reproductive Rights & Choice.
- LDS- Oct. 3-4 will a General Conference for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
- NMSU- Enrollment: up in Freshman enrollment, down in returning students. Charters are due at the end of the month (September), make sure you re-charter organizations. Discussed the use of Spiritual Center for any questions or for use of the Center contact Bruce Vandevender. The new Freedom of Expression Code at NMSU will be posted, Bruce will email that to each member of IFC. Convoy of Hope is planning on holding an event at the end of April at NMSU, for information about ways to assist and serve contact John Pickett (information forthcoming). Oct. 24th will be NMSU Home Coming, Family Weekend Sept. 19th- student organizations are encouraged to set up interactive booths at Family Weekend, Financial Aid Workshop for any organizations receiving NMSU funds for more information about those workshops refer to the worksheet available in meeting or contact Bruce. Organizations cannot use the NMSU number to create an off-campus bank account (see worksheet). Campus Activities- 1st floor in the Aggie Lounge area northwest corner, 106 lockers are available to students free of charge for a day or term (locker agreement is contained in the worksheet), also 19 cubical spaces are available for use by student organization.

Old Business

- InterFaith Table at Freshman Welcome and Orientation Events

New Business

Announcements

- Next Meeting, October 1st, 8am at Peace Lutheran Church – Sharing a Vision for IC
- Need Meeting Hosts for Nov. 5th and Mar. 3rd

Closing Prayer – Site Host for the Coming Meeting (President)