

IFC Council Meeting March 5, 2015
Opening: Beatriz Ferreira
Approval of Feb. 5, 2015 Minutes

NMSU Interfaith Council- March 5, 2015

Called to order at 8:20am

Members Present: Scott Bird, Jim Lehman, Larry Karol, Lance Revfro, Xavier Torres, BK Larson, Harvey Hilbert, Beatriz Ferreira

Treasurers Report: \$2037.45

Radwan Jallade, Islam Representative, requested to be a part of Inter Faith Council. Radwan was directed to the IFC site and NMSU site.

Peace Village presentation (BK Larson & Harvey Hilbert):
2 week day camp for kids. Offers classes in conflict resolution skills, meditation in a safe environment.

Looking for volunteers for the coming summer. For more information contact Teresa (BK) Larson: newmeximom@yahoo.com

1st week of Peace Camp is for older kids (5th-8th Graders). Week 2 is for younger kids (1st-4th Graders). Camp councilors are chosen from the 1st week participants (older kids). Registration is \$60 per child, scholarships are available for families who have more than one child attending.

Flyers were handed out that contain information about the Summer 2015 schedule.

BK Larsen requested to meet with each group individually to give a 30-40 minute in depth presentation about Peace Village.

Beatriz encouraged all to learn history and culture from all different groups and religions.

Many children attending this camp come from homes of domestic violence, therefore, they are taught

April 11 Peace Camp will be presenting at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 1809 El Paseo Rod from 12noon-3pm. Admission is Free, Donations are accepted.

Larry Karol discussed the letter concerning Prayers for Graduation being inclusive. He will be writing a letter to the President of NMSU. The purpose behind an inclusive prayer is not to offend. Concerns arose about student policies and public prayer during the Spiritual Center groundbreaking and dedication. Does a student have to give an "inclusive" prayer or prayer according to their own faith? What is the student policy concerning this matter? In the past the former NMSU President required an inclusive prayer at public ceremonies, graduation, etc.

NEW BUISNESS

Beatriz- is in the middle of the End of the Year Bahi Fast. The Bahai New Year begins on March 21st.

Lance- will be taking a trip to Flagstaff for training.

Xavier- this week will be at a Youth Retreat in Sacrament Mountains

Jim- will be involved with practicum with a new student.

Rabbi- contacted the Hillel groups to participate in Sader. Rabbi Cane continues to be ill and struggling with his health but has returned home.

Rabbi Carol suggested possibly allowing an Inter Faith group for students who can compile the required 10 students needed to register for IFC.

Jim suggested moving a Holocaust Day of Remembrance presentation on April 15-16 to the Spiritual Center at NMSU. Have each group share something concerning their own religion or a religious experience.

Next Meeting will be April 2nd at the LDS Institute of Religion: 1425 East University Ave.

Closing: Scott Bird