

InterFaith Council at NMSU

6 February, 2013

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 8:17 a.m. by Larry Carroll

1. In attendance, Larry Carroll Temple Beth El, Scott Bird LDS, Jim Lehman Holy Family, Father Gabriel Rohelle (St. Anthony's), Sabine Green PSU, Zach Bectold Wesley, Lance Rentfro Living Hope, Dalene Rogers Peace Lutheran, Courtney Spivak Corbett Center Program Specialist, John Rivers Sodexo Dining Marketing Coordinator

Opening Prayer by Zach. No minutes to approve. We think Sal took minutes in December. A recap was that there was a visit from CAFÉ for minimum wage advocacy. And the University Spiritual Center discussion.

Treasurer's report: \$1,484.01

Campus Activities report: renovations to Corbett Center have started. Legislative priorities for NMSU 2014 on the main NMSU web site if anyone wants to visit them. Pursuing a meal plan for the IFC members because currently we are affiliate status, not eligible for any meal plans. Brandon Pelton sends regards and a picture of his new baby.

Spiritual Center Discussion: Sun News did an article on the 4 center. Sen. McCamley asked questions. There is a tentative design plan for it. There was a discussion about the design looking something like a building at Auschwitz, so it needs to be addressed. There was a discussion about the tower/spire. General consensus that the MSA should also be contacted for their input. Larry will contact the president's office and tell them our concerns, including WIFI access, hearing impaired access, and the spire. "LARRY DO IT."

Granola bar project was Sal...no report.

New Business.

Wesley – Pancake Supper March 4<sup>th</sup> 5 to 7 pm by donation

PSU has Paganism 101 Wed Feb 11 at 7 pm in Skeen hall 138

Lutheran Campus Ministry is setting up a quiet center in the Peace Lutheran Church

Hillel is in the process of organizing. Jewish Folk festival at the Temple April 6. Pastrami sandwiches served.

Social Justice week at NMSU – Courtney. This is a new endeavor. First week of March perhaps. Raise awareness of social justice. Hunger banquet March 4 sponsored by Sodexo. Sodexo asks that we encourage our students to attend and participate. Tunnel of Oppression is an artistic expression of oppressed groups, by oppressed groups. Need participation.

Interfaith Dialogue: Need to visit the feedback. Dalene asks if it can be two or three days of activities. What can we change. Not enough of it is student driven. Vote to wait until fall to plan it. Suggested to make the theme Peace or Knowledge.

Commencement is May 10. Jim will do the morning invocation. Who can do the 2 pm ceremony?

“No Longer Invisible” by Douglas Jacobsen and Rhonda Hustedt Jacobsen is the book we will all endeavor to read to help revamp the IFC and how we function on campus.

Closing prayer by Sabine Green

Next meeting March 6, to be hosted by UU, and PSU. Place to be determined.