Faith Relations Committee Minutes April 23, 2020, 9:00 – 10:00am Zoom Video Conference

Committee Members

Rob Abraham, Y360
Jeff Ader, President, Temple Beit Torah
Kobi Chumash, Director of Hillel, Colorado College
Kate Holbrook, Chaplain, Colorado College
Pauli Hubbard, Missions Team Leader, First Congregational Church
Feda Jodeh, Islamic Society of Colorado Springs
Jeff Mawhirter, Sunrise United Methodist Church
Marti O'Dell, Outreach Committee Chair, Grace & St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Iah Pillsbury, Rabbi, Temple Beit Torah
Renee Reif, The Humanist Society of Colorado
Dave Resch, Board Member, BodhiMind Center

Guests/Staff

Dustin Alarid, FIA Program Manager
Sarah Buchen, Construction Volunteer Coordinator
Makenna Crosby, Volunteer Engagement AmeriCorps VISTA
Demie Fultz, Donor Relations Specialist
Iain Probert, Director of Strategic Partnerships

Eric Stolp, Thrivent Financial, PPHFH Board Member

Opening

Dustin Alarid opened the meeting at 9:02am with prayer.

Review of March's Minutes

- Brief recap of March's meeting and minutes

Affiliate Update

- Office staff is almost entirely remote at this time
- Construction sites are open with core volunteers and staff only
- ReStore is open for purchasing construction materials
- Start to the Interfaith Build for Unity is TBD

"Teaser" Video

- Overview of the idea
 - o 45 second to 1 minute video about the Interfaith Build for Unity
 - o Includes all stakeholders on the committee; representative of all faiths
 - Similar to public service announcement videos including celebrities, where everyone says one sentence or a few words
 - Essentially one script that we all take part in reading

- Will show solidarity between us, and something that we can all do remote
- Goal would be to drive people to act
- First call to action could be signing up for updates on our website
- Example YouTube video
 - Watched video from the One Campaign
- Feedback
 - Consensus is that this is a great idea
 - Could be shared in everyone's realm of influence and communities of faith
 - Easily doable
 - Possibility of including a sentence about thanking and honoring healthcare workers
 - Video may be a positive light during this time, people are looking for hope and ways to contribute to something
 - What we need section on our website is a possibility to add
- How to distribute and promote
 - Media Kit provided from PPHFH
- Date of release
 - o May 28, 2020
 - Private screening together at committee meeting and released to the public afterward
 - Submissions to Dustin by May 21, 2020

Sand Creek Virtual Tour

- Virtual tour of Sand Creek
- Will begin in Fiscal Year 21
- 30 Homes for future Habitat families
- Located in school district 11
- Unity builds will be at this development in the future

Sub-Committee Discussion

- Sub-Committees allow everyone to have a voice
 - Sub-committees can meet whenever they feel that they need to meet, maybe does not have to be monthly, each sub-committee can decide what will work best, on a needed-basis
- A way to have specialized smaller groups
- 4-6 people per sub-committee
- With the sub-committee members, we will want to make sure we are crossing faiths
- One representative to attend the larger group meeting
 - Once a quarter, everyone together for large group meeting
- Ideas for needed groups:
 - Event Planning including meal coordination
 - Important to make sure we have an efficient and well-managed breaking of bread time during the build
 - Food that is served is inclusive to everyone
 - Outreach and Volunteer Recruitment

- Helping us to get invited to come to a worship service
- Reach out to individuals with disabilities for involvement with the build
- Marketing/Communication & PR
 - Print marketing material ideas
 - Helping to reach out to the local media
- Habitat International has a website full of useful materials
 - Section including faith builds
 - Can provide access to this resource
- PPHFH Staff Role
 - Have a staff advisor/contact for each sub-committee

Any Other Business and Action Items

- Let Dustin know top 3 choices for sub-committees
- Dustin will list sub-committees in order of priority including short paragraph describing what the sub-committee could look like
- Keep in mind others from your community you would like to be involved
- Reminder that we want to be intentional about our relationships with one another, especially during this time

What's needed from the Committee? (To be continued in future meetings)

- o Brainstorming, dreaming, and planning
- Advocacy
- Event Planning (Kick-off event? Ground Blessing and Home Dedication)
 - May be good to break off into sub-committees for certain tasks such as food
- o Volunteer Recruitment and Outreach to New Partners
 - Examples:
 - African-American Churches (AME, Missionary Baptist, etc.)
 - Asian-American Churches (Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, etc.)
 - Eastern Orthodox (Holy Theophany)
 - GuruGhar (Sikh)
 - Hindu Community
 - Latter Day Saints
 - Spanish Churches
 - Unitarian Universalists, and more...

Adjournment at 10:05am.

Date of next meeting: Thursday, May 28, from 9:00 to 10:00am.

- Via Zoom, unless otherwise noted.
- Tentative Login Info:

Topic: PPHFH Faith Committee Meeting - May

Time: May 28, 2020 09:00 Mountain Time (US and Canada)

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