

## Faith Relations Committee Minutes

October 21, 2021

12:00– 12:45pm (Zoom Video Conference)

### Committee Members

Barb Treacy, St. Francis of Assisi

Dan Pitts, Grace & St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Eric Stolp, Thrivent Financial/PPHFH Board Member

Feda Jodeh, Islamic Society of Colorado Springs

Jeff Ader, Temple Beit Torah

Jeff Mawhirter, Sunrise United Methodist

Kobi Chumash, Colorado College

Pastor Paula Stecker- Christ the King Lutheran

Rabbi Iah Pillsbury, Temple Beit Torah

Renee Reif, Humanists & Freethinkers

### Guests/Staff

Chloe Henry, FIA Program Manager

Iain Probert, Director of Strategic Partnerships

Sarah Buchen, Volunteer Manager

### Welcome

- Meeting began at 12:00pm by greeting meeting attendees and providing a brief overview of the meeting agenda
- Chloe the new Faith in Action Program Manager introduced herself to group
- Chloe shared a poem written by Mother Teresa to start the meeting entitled "Do it Anyway"  
[https://prayerfoundation.org/mother\\_teresa\\_do\\_it\\_anyway.htm](https://prayerfoundation.org/mother_teresa_do_it_anyway.htm)

### Status of IBU House & Build Schedule Update

- Thanks to support of volunteers the IBU house is in the framing process & is on track for house dedication March 2022.
- Additional IBU build day slots available for committee members to sign up their groups to attend for January & February of 2022. "2022 Interfaith Build for Unity Schedule" document can be found at the link below as well as in the Google Drive Shared Folder:  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12j\\_GDwprD1KG\\_GUo1e1m--3eXi6r1wV5/edit#gid=716010567](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12j_GDwprD1KG_GUo1e1m--3eXi6r1wV5/edit#gid=716010567)
- Google Drive Shared Folder:  
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ozykzQoZ8A7i2SiYc5ZdbrKFSYYqNxcM>
- If you sign up a group let Chloe know via email at [Chloe@pikespeakhabitat.org](mailto:Chloe@pikespeakhabitat.org).

### Debrief IBU Build Days Thus Far

- Have successfully hosted 12 IBU build days on the construction site with 4 additional days set between now and the end of December.
- Have had 12 different groups participate in the build days representing different faith traditions & belief systems.
- Lessons Learned & Suggestions from Group
  - Mrs. Treacy: What is always one of the most enjoyable and helpful parts of the builds is if the morning group can stay late and have lunch with the afternoon group. There is something special about bringing food to share and we always have such interesting conversations with those we haven't met yet.
  - Mr. Pitts: Had a great experience. Only suggestion would be to know broadly what stage the house is at and what group will be working on prior to volunteer day.
  - Pastor Stecker: Suggestion for larger tarps for lunch time. Had a great response, and it was a very positive experience and felt meaningful both days.
  - Mrs. Jodeh: Had Husband, son and some representatives attend. All had a positive experience. 16-year-old son wanted to do more but limited due to age, but great experience and will hopefully get back out there as well.
  - **Committee members feel free to share additional thoughts via email to Chloe**

### **Committee Build Day Information**

- Friday November 12<sup>th</sup> 8:30am-4:30pm
- Chloe sent out email with registration link for the build day via email  
[https://www.cervistech.com/acts/console.php?console\\_id=0364&console\\_type=event\\_list&event\\_id=27&ht=1&res\\_code=IBULeader](https://www.cervistech.com/acts/console.php?console_id=0364&console_type=event_list&event_id=27&ht=1&res_code=IBULeader)
- Must fill out registration to participate. If interested in attending, but all slots are filled, or if you have trouble with link reach out to Chloe.
- Dress for the weather, bring jacket, water bottle, lunch.
- Committee members will have opportunity to write encouraging messages on some of the wood used on house. Be thinking of what message you would like to include on the house or consider asking for recommendations from your congregation as well.
  - Chloe will check on whether or not there are additional pieces of wood that can be taken to congregations and will report via email.
- Lunch
  - Details to be finalized via email but plan to bring own main meal for lunch
  - Group dessert/item may be offered for those that are interested
  - Send additional thoughts/suggestions to Chloe via email

### **Gingerbread House Build Competition**

- Additional opportunity for committee members to get involved & support affordable housing through annual Gingerbread House Building Competition. Proceeds toward future veteran home. Groups can sign up as builders and will get a Gingerbread house kit delivered to them. Groups have a couple weeks to build, send photos, and vote for their favorite.
- Good opportunity to get kids involved
- If interested reach out to Habitat staff

## **Announcements & Events**

- Pikes Peak Habitat's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event
  - Thursday October 28<sup>th</sup> 5:45pm-8:00pm, *The Pinery at the Hill*
    - Evening to celebrate the work we have been able to do together to support families throughout El Paso County
    - Attire: 'Habitat Birthday Casual' -- anything from jeans to business casual (khakis and polo shirt, etc.).
- Interfaith Holiday Calendar 2021-2022
  - Committee members to review calendars and provide feedback on days that need to be added, edited, or taken off from own belief system
  - Comments sent to Chloe via email.
- **Next Meeting**
  - Normally meetings will occur on Third Thursday around noon time
  - Meetings will be via zoom through end of year & group will reevaluate in January to see if future meetings will be in person.
  - For the next two months due to holidays, Chloe will communicate dates to groups via email

## **12:47 Meeting Adjourned by Eric**

### **Committee Member Action Items**

- Complete Registration for Committee Build day
- Think of encouraging messages to add to house
- Send additions/edits via email to Chloe for Interfaith Holiday Calendar ([chloe@pikespeakhabitat.org](mailto:chloe@pikespeakhabitat.org))
- Sign up groups for additional IBU build days
- Volunteer Recruitment & Outreach to New Partners
- Email Chloe if interested in Gingerbread Build Program

### **Upcoming Dates**

- Habitat's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event
  - Thursday October 28<sup>th</sup> 5:45pm-8:00pm, *The Pinery at the Hill*
- Committee Build Day at the Construction Site
  - Friday November 12th, 8:30am-4:30pm
  - Register using the link provided above