

Faith Relations Committee Minutes

March 17th, 2021

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

Committee Members in Attendance

Chaplain Major Kevin Hostettler

Feda Jodeh, Islamic Society of Colorado Springs

Jeff Ader, Temple Beit Torah

Jeff Mawhirter, Sunrise United Methodist

Pastor Paula Stecker, Christ the King Lutheran Church

Guests/Staff in Attendance

Chloe Henry, FIA Program Manager

Iain Probert, Director of Strategic Partnerships

12:00pm Welcome

- Meeting began at 12:00pm with staff liaison Chloe Henry greeting attendees & guests and providing a brief overview of the meeting agenda
- Chloe Henry played “Drawing Home” video from Habitat for Humanity International. The video can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r9xcwGPrMyg>

Approval of minutes from Feb 2021 Committee Meeting

- Meeting minutes were approved from Feb 2021 committee meeting
- Committee members to send any corrections to meeting minutes to Chloe chloe@pikespeakhabitat.org

Update on UN (United Nations) Report from World Interfaith Harmony Week

- To wrap up this initiative Chloe Henry sent in an official report to the International World Interfaith Harmony Week Competition for our interfaith dialogue event.
- The committee should hear back in late March.
- The full report can be found here: <https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/view-reports/?report=66046>
- Additional copies of the report for the UN competition are being printed for our use for marketing purposes. We plan to have copies at the IBU home dedication on March 27th, if possible.

Update on timeline for IBU #2 & volunteer dates

- The sign-up sheet for IBU#2 volunteer dates for 2022 will be sent out the week after the IBU Home dedication
- We will be offering Friday, Saturday, and Sunday timeframes as well as half day and full day slots
- Chaplain Hostettler did ask if there is a way on the volunteer sign up form to add an additional optional area for faith groups to note their faith background/spiritual practice since he invites

individuals from an interfaith group. Chloe said that she will check in with Sarah Buchen regarding this question and get back to the group.

Review of IBU #1 Home Dedication Service Leaflet & Run of Show

- General Information
 - **Confirmed Date: Sunday March 27th 3:00PM-4:30PM**
 - **Address: 876 Bidwell Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80915**
 - **Arrival time: Committee members/speakers please arrive by 2:45PM**
- Chloe Henry reviewed the service leaflet/run-of-show with committee members for the IBU home dedication. A PDF of the service leaflet can be found here:
<file:///C:/Users/chloe/Downloads/Andino-IBU%2027%20March%202022.pdf>
 - Chloe shared that the home dedication ceremony will begin with the Native American Women's Association. One of their representatives will discuss the purpose of the round dance, and then will invite attendees to join in the dance if desired.
 - Then an opening prayer will be provided by Ms. Andino's Pastor from her own personal faith tradition to honor her faith background.
 - Subsequently, various speakers will also discuss the history of the IBU project, introduce Ms. Andino, and will recognize sponsors and volunteer groups.
 - Ms. Andino will then have an opportunity share some words as the future homeowner.
 - Following homeowner remarks, Eric Stolp, our committee chair will present some gifts on behalf of Habitat that speak to our organization's history and mission. For every Habitat home dedication, the homeowner will be presented with a golden hammer, a Bible, and their keys to represent different aspects of our organization. During this time additional artifacts will be presented by some faith communities including the Temple Beit Torah Religious Group presenting the windchimes they made as well as school District 11.
 - Following a song by the Children's Chorale, we will dedicate the home, and various speakers from our committee that represent a variety of different faith traditions will speak and offer a blessing and or words of encouragement. Chloe mentioned that while Geshe Tashi from the Tibetan Meditation Center will not be able to be physically present as he will be out of town, he has recorded a prayer in Tibetan that will be played via loud speaker.
 - Finally, Habitat staff will introduce Anna our second IBU homeowner.
 - Following the completion of the ceremony, attendees will be able to tour the completed home, and will also be able to partake in some cake and snacks.
- When Chloe asked if the committee members had any questions or comments, committee members did not have any questions at the moment.

Update on marketing materials & distribution of postcards/poster

- An E- "Save the Date" was sent to all IBU groups & volunteers the first week of March. A reminder email will also be sent out the week of event
- Additionally, a print magazine ad was created for the event in local magazine, and we will also have a media alert going out to our media contacts as well

- Since some committee members also requested virtual as well as print marketing materials, print postcards and poster will be dropped off to committee members & faith communities for their use in the coming days.
- **If it would be helpful to specify when these items arrive for your specific group or faith community, please feel free to email Chloe at chloe@pikespeakhabitat.org**

Discussion of presentation of Artifact by Faith Communities/& Attendee Estimates

- Chloe shared that during home dedications, Habitat staff will normally present the future homeowner with a Bible, keys to the home, and a golden hammer to represent different aspects of our organization.
- **Chloe shared that to celebrate our interfaith work, we would love to extend an invitation to all committee members to consider whether their individual faith community/group would like to present a holy text or small meaningful artifact that represents their faith community and belief system.**
- **If this would be appropriate for your individual faith community, and if this is something you would be interested in doing, please email me directly no later than Monday March 21st so we can account for this in the schedule.** Chloe also noted that this is not a requirement of any sort for committee members and merely is an invitation.
- Chloe also asked the committee members if they have a general estimate of how many people from their faith community plan to attend to ensure we plan for enough food. When asked, the committee members noted that:
 - Jeff Mawhirter said that 2-5 people can be expected from Sunrise
 - Jeff Ader said that 4-5 people can be expected from Temple Beit Torah
 - Chaplain Hostettler said that 2 people can be expected from the Chapel

Announcements/Overview of Action Items

- **Next meeting: Thurs. March 17, 2022, 12:00pm-12:45pm via zoom**
- Meeting adjourned at 12:40pm by staff liaison Chloe Henry

Committee Member Action Items

- Attend IBU#1 Home Dedication Sunday March 27th & invite others