

## Faith Relations Committee Minutes

Thursday June 16th, 2021

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

### Committee Members in Attendance

Chaplain Hostettler, USAFA

Eric Stolp, *Pikes Peak Habitat Board of Directors (Chair)*

Jeff Mawhirter, *Sunrise United Methodist*

Pastor Paula Stecker, *Christ the King Lutheran*

Peter Hilts, *Pikes Peak Habitat Board of Directors*

Rob Abraham, Y360

### Guests/Staff in Attendance

Chloe Henry, *FIA Program Manager*


### 12:00pm Welcome

- Meeting began at 12:00pm with Chair Eric Stolp greeting attendees
- Chloe Henry played "[We are Each Other's](#)" video to open the meeting from Interfaith America

### Approval of minutes from May 2022 Committee Meeting

- Meeting minutes were approved from May 2022 committee meeting
- Committee members to send any corrections to meeting minutes to Chloe [chloe@pikespeakhabitat.org](mailto:chloe@pikespeakhabitat.org)

### Reminder to Sign Up for IBU #2 volunteer dates & committee build days

- Reminder for committee members to sign up for IBU#2 Dates
  - Many groups still need a partner group. The sign-up sheet can be found here  [IBU#2 Volunteer Group Sign Up Sheet \(2022-2023\).xlsx](#)
- IBU Committee Build Days on the construction site
  - To let as many committee members participate as possible in our committee build day, we will offer two IBU committee build day options this fall. Committee members are welcome to sign up for one or both volunteer days based on availability:
    - **Day #1: Friday September 2<sup>nd</sup>**
    - **Day #2: Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup>**
  - Registration link:  
[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)

### Choosing Date for an IBU Committee Leader Build Day

- Since our committee will not be meeting again until mid-August to give our committee a break, we are going to try to plan for our youth event to be on a Sunday afternoon in September.

Having the youth event in September will allow our committee to meet one more time prior to the event in August to discuss last-minute details.

- **Potential date: Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. This date has been cleared and approved by our venue the ReStore NE.**
- **If committee members know of any large conflicts for this date either for you or your faith community/group, please email [Chloe@pikespeakhabitat.org](mailto:Chloe@pikespeakhabitat.org) as soon as possible. Otherwise, please mark your calendars to save this date. The exact timing in the afternoon for the event is still TBD.**

### **Planning for Joint Congregation Youth Centered IBU Event**

- Based on our last committee meeting, Chloe has been working in conjunction with Eric Stolp to create a potential outline for the IBU interfaith youth event that was sent out to committee members prior to today's meeting. The document can be found [here](#).
- **Update on event location**
  - We have been approved to use the large parking lot of the ReStore NE ([6250 Tutt Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80923](#)) for this youth-based event on **Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon**. The ReStore will not be open that day so we can set up in this area as desired and cone off the parking lot for safety.
- **Event Outline & Committee Feedback**
  - Chloe Henry briefly provided highlight details from the proposal for committee consideration:
  - Who:
    - The event will be open to families in the community with youth (3<sup>rd</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade) from a variety of different faith communities in El Paso County. Parents are encouraged to stay for the duration of the event.
  - Event Registration/sign-ups:
    - We will require students to pre-register so we can have adequate materials and students will need to have a youth waiver filled out by their parents. The registration link will be added as a QR code to marketing materials and will be sent out via email by Chloe Henry. **Registrations will close Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> so Habitat staff can put aside adequate materials for student projects.**
  - General Event Outline
    - Students will be broken up into groups by school grade with other students from different faith communities. Each student group will have two volunteer leaders (either from the IBU committee/Habitat staff) who will help oversee their individual age groups from different faiths if possible (Ex: 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> ; 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> ; 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> ; 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> ; 11<sup>th</sup>- 12)
    - One of the committee members discusses the purpose of the IBU project and the need for affordable housing for families in our community. This speaker will discuss how some people in our community need a home and by creating our projects, each group is helping a family get a home.
    - The overarching challenge for this event will be for student age groups to create a project together that will eventually be resold at the ReStore to raise money to build homes locally. Young student groups will make dragonflies out of ceiling

fans, middle school students will make flower boxes out of pallets, and high school students will make kids kitchens from entertainment centers.

- Though the kids will have most of the materials they need to finish their project, they will be missing a couple of key tools (paint brushes, nails, etc.) To get those key tools/materials, they will need complete some special challenges as a group teaching the kids that to help families in our community get a home, they will need to work together with others. (Ex. A short relay race, the fastest time of screwing in some screws into plywood etc.).
- All materials will be provided by the ReStore. All completed projects, (Garden Dragonflies/playhouse kitchens etc.) will be donated to the ReStore NE to be sold with the proceeds going to build Habitat homes. Families/students that attend will get a coupon to the ReStore NE for a percentage of their purchase off as a participation award.
- A panel of judges (IBU committee members) will vote to choose the top three completed projects and the students in those groups will receive a special prize.
- General Committee Feedback
  - **When committee members were asked for their feedback, committee members shared:**
    - Jeff Mawhirter shared that we are going to need more time for the event to accomplish everything we have listed
      - Eric Stolp shared that what would be best would be for Chloe or some staff to do a trial run of each project to see the estimated completion time for each project. From there we can determine the amount of time we need
      - Pastor Paula Stecker shared that it is likely all the groups will not finish at the same time. Pastor Paula also mentioned that when she was talking about groups sharing resources she imagined that perhaps each student groups would have all of one type of supplies (paint brushes for example) so the kids realize that they need to share their resources with the other student groups and interact. Pastor Paula also mentioned that the additional challenges we laid out could still be done to occupy the groups that finish their designated ReStore project early.
    - Eric Stolp mentioned that Chloe did a tremendous job of putting together the committee's ideas on paper and appreciates the subtle nod to the ReStore to parents to hopefully get them thinking about Habitat and purchasing items from the store.
    - Pastor Paula mentioned that this event may get people involved that haven't been involved already. Pastor Paula said this could be an opportunity to get people to sign up to volunteer and may be a good time for donations. This may be the only thing they do with Habitat, but this event may move them toward donations.

- Eric Stolp asked Chloe if we are capturing parent information during this event so we can invite them to come to future events while they are a captive audience. Chloe responded and said we will be capturing the parent's names and emails through the registration. Chloe shared that we can also make a parent table with collateral information for parents and an informational signup sheet.
    - Eric Stolp said we should also make a specific stronger invitation for IBU#2 during the event as well to try to get them to come back.
  - Jeff Mawhirter said that with Sunrise something he had some is create a board in the shape of a house with "brick tags" that showcased the cost of various building materials and the amount of money it takes to provide those materials to encourage donations and highlight the cost of materials. Jeff shared that this provided a sense of tangibility. Chloe will follow up on this idea with Jeff.
  - Chloe Henry asked committee members to please send any contact information to her of helpful congregation contacts, parents, etc. who may want to help volunteer for this event.
- Prizes
- **When committee members were asked what type of prize we could offer to the kids, committee members shared:**
    - Chloe Henry shared that ideally the groups will be groups of 5 students.
    - Eric Stolp shared that we should think of the businesses that are nearby like Chick Fil A that may donate some items. He also mentioned that a portion of the event should probably be catered so we can purchase some food and provide shout outs to the business
      - Peter Hilts shared that Rob Taylor owns location who is a longtime supporter of youth events so talking about this event with him from this reference point would go a long way with him and his team. When Jeff Mawhirter asked Peter if he personally has the relationship there to ask Rob or if Chloe should ask, Peter said that it would probably be best coming from Chloe.
    - Eric Stolp shared that for the younger kids in the theme of building we could purchase Lego kids for the youngest kids.
    - When Chloe asked whether the committee thinks we should provide a prize for the best 3 projects overall, or designate one winner for each project type Rob Abraham said we should choose one in each project category and Jeff agreed noting that it is hard to compare across age ranges.
    - Chloe offered that perhaps we can push out the marketing materials and see how many students register and determine prizes in August. Eric Stolp also mentioned perhaps we shoot for a specific goal like 3 groups of five students for each project.

- Rob Abraham asked if there will be some sort of badge or small gift as a thank you for all students participating that could also speak to what they did to be a part of something greater. Chloe said she is in contact with the ReStore team to see if they have some items, but we could look at a sticker. Jeff Mawhirter said a water bottle is good for this sort of activity. Chloe will work on some price comparisons.
- **Please send any connections to a religious school leader/youth group leader from your faith community to Chloe via email at [Chloe@pikespeakhabitat.org](mailto:Chloe@pikespeakhabitat.org) to invite the youth to this event**
- **Chloe will make changes to the event outline based on the committee's feedback this month and will update the outline to reflect the most recent changes. This updated outline will be sent out alongside the registration link and marketing materials by the end of June**

### Announcements/Overview of Action Items

- Review of committee member action items
  - Sign up faith groups for IBU#2 as soon as possible
  - Sign up for IBU committee Build Days
  - Chloe will send updates related to the Interfaith America Grant via email in July
  - **No committee meetings in July 2022.** We will meet again in August
  - Get the word out regarding the IBU youth event to your communities. Chloe will also send out marketing materials via email in the coming weeks to use.
- **Next meeting Thursday August 18<sup>th</sup> via zoom at 12:00pm**

12:42pm Meeting Adjourned by Eric Stolp

### Committee Member Action Items:

- **Sign up group for IBU#2 days as soon as possible**
- **Sign up for IBU Committee Build Days using registration link**  
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