

**Inter-Religious Council of Linn County,
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes from Thursday, August 2, 2018**

Present: Bob Buntz, Ashok Chawla, Charles Crawley, Brian Daugherty, Alan Diehl, Aaron Doolin, Rebecca Hinds, Gina Kendall, Susan Liddell, Todd Thalblum, Ritva Williams.

Absent: Krishna Iyer, Steve Knudson, Bhim Magar, Sue Reider, Nancy Rhodes, Hassan Selim, Taha Tawil, Leif Zalewski

No Show: Afnan Elsheikh

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Charles called the meeting to order at 7pm

INSPIRATION

Rabbi Todd Thalblum: It's a month until the high holy days, time of preparation, getting one's affairs in order. Psalm 27.

Pastor Ritva Williams will provide the inspiration at our next meeting on Thursday, September 6.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Nancy Rhodes has had to resign due to health reasons. Charles passed around a card for all to write best wishes.

How to fill this open seat? Possibilities include (1) Chris Hoklotubbe who is part native, Presbyterian, is not ready to serve at this time; (2) someone from Prairiewoods? (3) someone from any of the minority faith groups?

OLD BUSINESS

Know Your Neighbor Part 2 with CRPL: CRPL has sent out survey to its members ... waiting to see what their response is

IRCLC Picnic : Thank you to those who planned and participated in our picnic; Alan organized it; had 6 in attendance. For next year, we need to pick a date ahead of time.

Results of Mission/Vision discussion in May:

Mission: To promote mutual understanding and respect among our community of diverse beliefs.

Vision: Our vision is a caring community in which honesty, respect, and responsibility are celebrated.

Values: Celebrate. Advocate. Relate. Educate. CARE!

Moved: SUE, Seconded: BOB/BRIAN. APPROVED.

Later amended the mission statement by adding "and to work toward the social and civic welfare of all."

Final Version:

Mission: To promote mutual understanding and respect among our community of diverse beliefs, and to work toward the social and civic welfare of all.

Vision: Our vision is a caring community in which honesty, respect, and responsibility are celebrated.

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Charles will work toward getting these changes implemented in our Bylaws and various other places where they show up (e.g. webpage, Facebook, newsletters, brochures, etc.).

Report from Fundraising Efforts: Charles and Gina

- Developed a list of 54 donors who had donated in the last 4 years (2014-2017) ... so far have 13 responses, for a total of \$770.
- Contacted by Rockwell Collins regarding grant funds available from their disability group. Charles applied for \$1200 to cover the cost of closed captioning for Ethical Perspectives
- Alan suggested reaching to Transamerica for grant funds, but for what purpose? Todd suggested he ask Transamerica to sponsor or annual Thanksgiving service (production of flyers and other relevant materials). ALAN TO FOLLOW UP

Changes to Bylaws

- The President will appoint Committee Chairs at the beginning of each year, with no chair to serve more than three consecutive years.
- Any member of the IRCLC is allowed to serve on IRCLC committees. A member is anyone who has paid their individual dues or who is part of an organization that has paid dues on their behalf.

Moved ASHOK. Seconded REBECCA. APPROVED.

Charles will make these edits and distribute updated Bylaws at the September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

RISE for Climate Action: We have been asked to be part of a rally in Cedar Rapids [SEPTEMBER 15, 2017, 10AM TO 12 NOON, GREEN SQUARE PARK] to join thousands of cities and towns around the world to demand our local leaders commit to building a fossil [FUEL] free world that puts people and justice before profits. No more stalling, no more delays: it's time for a fast and fair transition to 100% renewable energy for all. More information is at <https://riseforclimate.org/>

Moved: TODD; Seconded: BRIAN – APPROVED: to support as well as promote this event

Banner: Inter-Religious Council of Linn County

Logo OR symbols + Values

BOB will get an estimate for the cost of a banner with grommets.

NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet, Oct. 27: tickets \$60 each – CR --

Asked to support this ... Libby & Charles will attend; Bob Buntz has offered to pay for 2 tickets though he cannot attend; others? – let Charles know by next month if anyone else is able to attend – Todd: IRCLC should pay for a table or 4 tickets

Minutes of May 3 Meeting: Review and Approval: Moved by BOB. Seconded by ALAN. Approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Steve Knudson, Treasurer (Charles, in Steve’s absence)

The financial report for May 2018 reports the following:

May Receipts	\$735.90	Year to Date: \$2,229.38
<u>May Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 49.21</u>	<u>Year to Date: \$1,200.28</u>
Totals	\$686.69	\$1,029.18
Checking Account Balance	\$1,393.91	Money Market Account Balance: \$14,688.27

Community Relations Committee - Brian Daugherty (Chair)

- Newsletter and flyers are out for “Who do you say that I am” August 26, Sept 2, 2-4pm at Coe; all panelists will be at each presentation. Same format for “Idols, Icons, Statues & Symbols” Oct 28 & Nov 4, 2-4 at Coe
- Course on Native American Tradition: Chris Hoklotubbe has indicated interest in teaching this, is teaching a course at Cornell on Native American spirituality

Ethical Perspectives on the News (Alan Diehl)

- Planning meeting is scheduled for this month
- Bigger issue: Cedric and Terry are “getting up there” in age, we need to a succession plan to make sure the show goes on. Charles: are there any moderators who could step in as producers? Do any of the colleges have production programs? Brian: one of the profs at Kirkwood as taken part in the past.

Event Committee – Todd Thalblum (Chair)

- Thanksgiving Service: November 19, 2018, First Lutheran Church. Keynote speaker, Lori Erickson, author of *Holy Rover: Journeys in Search of Mystery, Miracles, and God* (lives in Iowa City)
- Annual Meeting: December 10, 2018 – location TBD, has asked Father Shaheen if we could have it at St. George’s, if not maybe at Temple Judah

Communications Committee - Gina Kendall (Chair)

- Shared statistics regarding website visits, and FaceBook likes
- Thanked Alan for posting links to Ethical Perspectives
- Submitted application for Operatlon Overnight; they have received it; waiting for response
- Still working on the donation button, we have up-to-date documentation for our 501c3 status
- Need help with website, FaceBook, newsletter: Alan and Rebecca are willing to help with website and FaceBook
- Christ Episcopal Church donates paper and printing of the newsletter, but does not have color capacity. Gina to get estimates for moving to Constant Contact for next month. Charles will write a thank you to the church for their donation of goods and times; we need to include this thank

you in our next newsletter.

Announcements/Forthcoming Events/Deadlines:

Who do you say I am?" Views of Jesus, within the Christian Tradition & Beyond, Aug 26 and Sept 2, 2-4 (Coe College)

Rise for Climate Action, Sept. 15, 10-12, Green Square

NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet, Oct. 27: tickets \$60 each

"Idols, Icons, Statues & Symbols," Oct 28 and Nov 4, 2-4 (Coe College)

Parliament of World's Religions, Nov. 1-7, 2018, Toronto (Charles attending)

IRCLC Annual Thanksgiving Service, Nov. 19, First Lutheran Church. Lori Erickson, keynote speaker.

IRCLC Annual Meeting, Dec. 10, Location TBD

Next Meeting: September 6. Meet at Via Sofia's (across from Coe College) at 6:00 pm for dinner.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ritva Williams