

Inter-Religious Council Board Meeting  
Minutes of Annual Meeting held December 15, 2016

Attendees: Ayman Amer, Terry Boyden, Ashok Chawla, Tony Christopherson, Charles Crawley, Brian Daugherty, Alan Diehl, Al Fisher, Al Fletcher, Eugenia Kendall, Becky Knudson, Steve Knudson, Cedric Lofdahl, Charlotte Martin, Brenda Mitchell, Meredith Mitchell, Zuiko Redding, Nancy Rhodes, Hassan Selim, Libby Slappey, Joe Stutler, Sarah Stutler, Todd Thalblum, Joan Thaler, Ben Williams, Ian Williams, Leanne Williams, Nathan Williams, Leif Zalewski.

Following a meal at Christ Episcopal Church, Rabbi Todd Thalblum opened the meeting at 7 p.m. Each participant introduced him- or herself.

**Inspiration**

Todd Thalblum explained the meaning and significance of Hanukkah to the Jewish faith.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the 2015 annual meeting were distributed. Hassan Selim moved and Joan Thaler seconded approval. Carried.

The minutes of the November 2016 meeting were also distributed. Eugenia Kendall moved and Al Fisher seconded approval. Carried.

**Committee Reports**

*Finance Committee.* Al Fletcher presented the financial report as of December 15. \$1,712.22 was received in November and December and \$1,620.37 was expended. Income for the year was \$5,938.45 and expenditures were \$5,567.86.

Cash in checking account \$270.26; in money market account \$17,376.83.

Al Fisher moved and Nathan Williams seconded approval of the report. Carried.

Al Fletcher then presented the budget for 2017. Anticipated income and disbursements are \$6,012.00. Ashok Chawla moved and Hassan Selim seconded approval of the budget. Carried. [Copy of financial report and budget are attached.]

*Event Committee.* Report [attached] was presented by Al Fisher. Comments were given by those who have worked at the overflow shelter. Nancy Rhodes moved and Nathan Williams seconded approval of the report. Carried.

*Community Relations Committee.* Report [attached] was given by Brian Daugherty. Joan Thaler moved and Hassan Selim seconded approval of the report. Carried.

Ethical Perspectives on the News: Report was given by Cedric Lofdahl who has served as producer since its inception. [attached].

University of Religion registration forms were distributed. The next course will begin Jan 14; the topic is The Life and Example of Prophet Muhammad and will be taught by Imam Hassan Selim.

*Communication Committee.* Eugenia Kendall presented the report [attached]. Ashok Chawla moved and Charles Crawley seconded approval of the report. Carried.

**President's Report.** President Todd Thalblum said that the IRCLC is well represented in the community. Although we did not sponsor the 9/11 service held at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, we were happy to be included in this and other activities which stress tolerance and inclusiveness. Cedar Rapids is a wonderful community for being inclusive and tolerant.

**Slate of Officers for 2107** was presented. They are:

President: 2017-18, Charles Crawley

Vice President: 2017-18, Hassan Selim

Treasurer: 2017-18, Nathan Williams

Secretary: 2016-17, Brenda Mitchell

Immediate Past President: Todd Thalblum

[NOTE: Charles Crawley, Nathan Williams and Todd Thalblum will be authorized to sign on any IRCLC accounts at U.S. Bank.]

New members of the **Board of Directors** are:

Steve Knudson (2017); Ashok Chawla (2019); Rebecca Hinds (2019); Susan Liddell (2019); Nancy Rhodes (2019); Leif Zalewski (2019)

Brian Daugherty moved and Hassan Selim seconded approval of the slate of officers and the board of directors. Carried.

The board will meet Jan 5 at 7 p.m. Eugenia Kendall will lead a discussion on chapter three of *Interfaith Leadership: A Primer*.

**Announcements:**

*Intersections* will meet Jan 6 at 11:45 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church. The topic is The Decline of White Christian America and the Rise of Donald Trump, and the presenter is Dr. Peter Jauhiainen.

*University of Religion* will meet in Kesler Auditorium, Hickok Hall, Coe College on Jan 14, 21, Feb 4 and 11 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tuition fee is \$30.00 for non-students.

Al Fletcher moved and Nathan Williams seconded adjournment at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Mitchell, secretary.