

Inter-Religious Council of Linn County, Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes from Thursday, January 4th, 2018

Attendees: Ashok Chawla, Charles Crawley, Brian Daugherty, Alan Diehl, Gina Kendall, Steve Knudson, Susan Liddell, Krishna Iyer, Todd Thalblum, Leif Zalewski, Taha Tawil, Bhim Magar (from Bhutanese Community of Eastern Iowa "BCEI")

Charles Crawley, president, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

INSPIRATION

Gina Kendall provided the inspiration for the meeting. She presented a Buddhist hymn and meditation.

Taha Tawil will provide the inspiration for the February 1st meeting.

NOMINATION

Bhim Magar, representing the Bhutanese community, and Taha Tawil, representing the Muslim community, presented as a candidate for the board. After introducing themselves, they left the room while board members voted to approve their nomination as members of the board. Carried. Taha Tawil to serve on the Nomination and Community Relations Committee. Bhim Magar to serve on the Events Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Nominations for Bhim Magar (Bhutanese) and Mary Ritcherson (Jewish) for Board:

RESULTS: Unanimous approval. Susan Liddell seconded.

Religious Literacy at the Cedar Rapids Public Library:

DISCUSSION: Fliers printed by library

Review of Mission and Vision statement:

DISCUSSION: There was discussion and notes taken (see attached) about revising Mission and Vision statement. It was determined that the IRCLC name would be retained. A task force was created to explore a revision of the Mission and Vision statement.

Secretary's position:

DISCUSSION: Charles will be assigning someone the task of secretary on a rotating basis if no permanent placement found.

Interfaith Harmony Week, Feb. 1-7, 2018:

DISCUSSION: Hassan has requested we cancel this event until next year.

Other Old Business? No old business.

MINUTES

No motion was made to approve the December 11th, 2017, minutes as emailed.

Alan Diehl will provide the minutes for the January 4th meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

The report for December 2017 was reviewed. As of December 2017:

- Checking account: \$369.19
- Money Market Account: \$13,289.98

A motion was made to approve the December 2017 financial report as emailed. M/S/C: Taha Tawil and Leif Zalewski.

Vote on new members Gary and Susan Streit: Taha Tawill moved and Eugenia Kendall seconded.

Community Relations Committee report was given by Brian Daugherty.

RESULTS: New course on University of Religion: The Native American Tradition

EPON report was given by Alan Diehl.

RESULTS: Alan discussed the importance of local topics.

Communication Committee report was given by Eugenia Kendall.

RESULTS:

Events Committee report was given by Todd Thalblum.

RESULTS: No updates at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Religious Literacy at the Cedar Rapids Public Library (6:30-7:45 pm): Jan 8

Intersections: Dr. Jenny McBride, "Theology as Advocacy on Death Row: The Story of Kelly Gissendaner," Feb. 2, noon, First Presbyterian Church

Religious Literacy at the Cedar Rapids Public Library (6:30-7:45 pm): Feb. 12

Religious Literacy at the Cedar Rapids Public Library (6:30-7:45 pm): March 12

Holocaust Remembrance Service: April 16, 2018, Mount Mercy University Chapel of Mercy, 7: 00 pm.

Parliament of World's Religions, Nov. 1-7, 2018, Toronto

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Diehl