

# Hyde Park and Kenwood Interfaith Council

Annual Meeting 27 May 2010 -- PROGRAM

Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

At 6:47 PM Rev. Nina Grey introduced her fellow program committee members Rev. Jonathan Friesen and Rev. Laura Hollinger. The three of them gave introductions of the panelists. After giving their prepared remarks, the panelists joined to answer questions from the floor to complete a thought-provoking and helpful program.

Panelists included:

From Cease-Fire: Ulysses Floyd, Ira Crawford, and Kenderick Davis

Presiding Judge of Cook County Juvenile Court: Hon. Sophia H. Hall

The Beloved Community -- Peacemaking Circles: Darryl Thomas

PAECE (Performing Arts for Effective City Education): Sahara Robinson and De'Azia Baldwin (both current students at University of Chicago)

Having discussed housing, transportation, and healthcare at its previous quarterly and annual meetings, the Council chose next to address violence that goes on in our neighborhoods. Each panelist spoke with enthusiasm about positive programs that are already functioning as well as positive suggestions for volunteer actions that can be done. The following is a brief listing of ideas that emerged from the presentations and discussion.

Cease-Fire provides help with GED preparation, family issues, court appearances, and outreach mobilization involving people from clergy, community leadership and education fields. The objective is always to address problems before physical violence erupts. The organization focuses on the target group in the age range of 16 to 24 years.

There is a mindset ("mind virus") that traps people in a cycle of violent behavior. Positive influences can bring anger to light and teach people ways of coping. Sports, education and employment assistance make positive contributions in the community. There are no "innocent bystanders" because it takes a whole community to meet the community's needs.

Judge Hall reviewed the Cook County Juvenile Justice system which has undergone change based on analyzing the elements of successful rehabilitation. Punishment followed by recidivism was a negative pattern. Harm has been done to the offender, and that harm is passed on to the community. When the stigma of punishment becomes a badge of honor, perceived values are out of balance. Through mentoring and establishing a restorative justice program, the Juvenile Justice system has worked to find creative ways to build relationship of at-risk individuals back to the community--to repair the harm. One effective tool has been peer juries established by schools or communities.

The PAECE program has developed what it calls "edutainment!" Concerned students are going out to the community and giving back. By helping neighborhood youth choose their own art forms with which to express their feelings and experiences, the group develops a sense of community through shared working through of problems. People teach each other. They share

everything that is important about who they are and how they feel.

Darryl Thomas explained that Peacemaking Circles invite people each to bring an object of sentimental value. Forming a circle "around the fire" (of those objects), young people learn to talk sincerely, directly, in turn about their values and meanings. Rowdy behavior is an expression of hurt. As shared expression becomes comfortable, constructive behavior follows. Skills and self-esteem rise as a result.

Youth projects can always use materials like computer teaching stations and supplies. They benefit greatly from an offer of space for activities. Most of all, however, is the spirit of sharing that comes from volunteered time. Demonstration of caring is the most powerful tool: you form a relationship that gets you through.

The traumas of today's youth, even without being diagnosed as such, carry the burdens of PTSD. Psychological profiling and giving up hope of improvement are disasters.

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At 8:17 PM President Rabbi Elliot Gertel reviewed the impressive history of HPKIFC up to its present activity, pointing out that religion has to encompass private relations. This year, programs on homelessness, transportation, healthcare and violence have shown a high degree of concern for the community. The Thanksgiving Service is an annual highlight that raises funds for the hunger programs. The monthly interfaith dialogues foster understanding, strengthening individuals through appreciation of others. The Council has published a directory of social services along with its own membership directory. The Hyde Park Transitional Housing Project and the Homeless Concerns Task Force continue to find new approaches appropriate to our neighborhood. In a new undertaking, the Council is helping to underwrite a part-time social worker at the Norma Jean Sanders Free Medical Clinic at Kenwood United Church of Christ. The Council has been marked by caring and action.

Allan Lindrup explained in detail the (to be) attached financial report which was accepted unanimously.

The Council expresses thanks to the retiring executive board members Kent Busse (secretary) and Rev. Susan Johnson, Rev. Freddy Washington, and Annika Frazier-Muhammad (at-large members).

The slate nominated for next year's board was approved by acclamation.

Officers:

President: John Modschieder

Vice-President: Laura Hollinger

Vice-President: Jonathan Friesen

Secretary: Alexis Vaughan

Treasurer: Allan Lindrup

Executive Committee: all officers plus

Immediate Past President: Elliot Gertel

Social Justice Committee Chair: Bernard Page, Jr.

At-Large members: Nina Grey, Susanna Rudofsky, Kyohei Mikawa, Batsheva Appel, Pat Scrutchins, Ayanna Johnson, Contessa Miller, Bernard Page, Jr.

The Council approved the following by-laws revision unanimously:

"The Interfaith Council shall embrace all religious organizations between 43rd St. on the north, 60th St. on the south, Lake Michigan on the east, and Cottage Grove Ave. on the west, that indicate their desire to be so associated. (this sentence in italics) Member organizations that move outside those geographic boundaries may continue their membership, providing they show, through the payment of annual membership dues and the designation of representatives, a desire to continue membership. (end italics) We also welcome individual supporters."

Kent Busse on behalf of 57th Street Meeting of Friends entered a motion that the HPKIFC participate in this year's Bud Billiken Parade and invite the constituent organizations to join in its parade contingent. Allan Lindrup seconded the motion which carried unanimously. This is hoped to increase our visible presence in the community as we approach our one hundredth year.

Nina Grey entered a motion to form a small committee to reflect on, and create proposals for, things the Council might do to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary in the year 2011. Annika Frazier-Muhammad seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Our new President, Rev. John Modshiedler, known as an educator in theology and ethics, offered a brief expression of gratitude to outgoing President Rabbi Gertel, and looked forward to enjoyable activities together in the coming year.

Rev. Deborah Derylak offered benediction at approximately 9 PM.

## Hyde Park & Kenwood Interfaith Council - Budget for FY ending June 30, 2011

Financial item	FY '10 Budget	FY thru April	FY '11 Budget
<b>Balance at start of fiscal year</b>	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,097.45	\$ 28,000.00
<b>Income:</b>			
<i>Memberships</i>	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,070.00	\$ 3,000.00
<i>Donations</i>	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,158.25	\$ 12,000.00
<i>Thanksgiving (mail-gross)</i>	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 1,982.00	\$ 2,000.00
<i>Thanksgiving Day (net share)</i>	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,125.30	\$ 1,125.00
<i>Program Income</i>	\$ 360.00		\$ 360.00
<i>Misc. Income</i>	\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00
<i>Interest</i>	\$ 200.00	\$ 115.08	\$ 150.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	\$ 17,485.00	\$ 13,450.63	\$ 18,660.00
<b>Opening balance plus income:</b>	\$ 40,485.00	\$ 36,548.08	\$ 46,660.00
<b>Expenses:</b>			
<i>Program Expenses</i>	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,949.00	\$ 1,000.00
<i>Contributions &amp; Memberships</i>	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 12,800.00
<i>Free Medical Clinic - \$3,000</i>			
<i>HP Transitional Housing Proj. -\$1,200</i>			
<i>EHHCS Coordinator - \$8,000</i>			
<i>Other - \$600</i>			
<i>Transfer to HPK Hunger Program</i>	\$ 1,875.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00
<i>Rent</i>		\$ 565.00	\$ 165.00
<i>Communications</i>	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,190.00	\$ 720.00
<i>Office Supplies, Equipment &amp; Related</i>	\$ 285.00		\$ 200.00
<i>Telephone/voice mail</i>	\$ 700.00	\$ 323.18	\$ 180.00
<i>Fund Raising Expenses</i>	\$ 200.00	\$ 515.71	
<i>Thanksgiving Service Expense</i>	\$ 675.00	\$ 502.00	\$ 550.00
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$ 150.00	\$ 28.49	\$ 100.00
<b>Expense Total:</b>	\$ 17,485.00	\$ 9,548.38	\$ 17,065.00
<b>Net Income or Deficit</b>	\$ -	\$ 3,902.25	\$ 1,595.00
<b>Balance</b>	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 26,999.70	\$ 29,595.00

Note: \$10,213.94 plus accrued interest in CD at Hyde Park Bank

Note 2: From the Thanksgiving contributions received by mail, the expenses related to the Thanksgiving Day Worship Services are deducted, then 90% of the remainder is transferred to HPK Hunger Programs.

Note 3: Starting this fiscal year printing and copying, and also postage, are being allocated to their functional purpose, such as program expenses or fundraising expenses