

## **June 1, 2010 Interfaith Council Executive Committee meeting**

Congregation Rodfei Zedek

Present: Elliot Gertel, Allan Lindrup, Susanna Rudofsky, Contessa Miller, John Modschiedler, Jonathan Friesen, Kent Busse, Nina Grey, Bernard Page, Jr., Kyohei Mikawa

5:23 PM invocation Bernard

1. Minutes of May Annual Meeting were amended and unanimously approved (Nina / Jonathan)
2. Attached treasurer's report was unanimously received (Jonathan / Nina) Some groups have not yet turned in dues.
3. The Executive committee will skip July and meet next in August (still at Rodfei Zedek); Allan can take minutes for the new secretary Alexis Vaughan, who will be out of town until September. (Allan / John) Retiring secretary Kent will continue to carry out email blasts and post minutes at the online office as requested. The officers can give clearance for which messages to e-blast.
4. Add John (president) to bank account at HP Bank, which should show the officers as signators.
5. The Children's Choir appears to be available again for the Thanksgiving program. About half a year apart from that is Earth Day. Should there be a major joint service at that time, perhaps in addition to smaller activities in local congregations?
6. There was follow-up discussion of the May 27 HPKIFC Annual Meeting theme of "Creating Safer Communities," relating that topic to the ongoing discussion of public health. The Executive Committee is particularly interested to learn whether any local congregation has founded peacemakers circles or victim circles. Often a professional leader like Darryl Thomas is instrumental in development of a successful program. Eboo Patel's Interfaith Youth Core has also done extensive work in organizing and training for local efforts at building community safety through activities like peace circles. The Committee desires more information about the target audience and other aspects of Interfaith Youth Core. There was some discussion of cooperative programs shared by various faith groups. The interfaith setting may be particularly well adapted to teaching positive ways of dealing with differences.
7. Allan is proceeding with ordering the parade banner for HPKIFC to use in the Bud Billiken Parade and at other future events. He and Bernard volunteered to carry the banner in the parade. The Hyde Park July 4 parade might present a similar publicity opportunity.
8. August may be an optimal time to prepare for a February kick-off to the 100th anniversary year (2011) of HPKIFC. Jonathan, Nina, Susanna, and John are appointed as an initial exploratory committee.

ADDENDUM to item #7

Brief research disclosed that the entry fee for participation in the Hyde Park July 4 parade is prohibitive.