

**Executive Committee meeting** 5:15 pm at Congregation Rodfei Zedek  
**Tuesday, February 2, 2010**

Elliot Gertel, Kent Busse, Nina Grey, Batsheva Appel, Jonathan Friesen, Allan Lindrup, Susanna Rudofsky, Laura Hollinger (quorum present)

1. Opening prayer 5:20 PM
2. Minutes of the January Exec. Comm. meeting -- Accepted unanimously
3. Treasurer's Report -- Allan reported that membership dues, at-large donations, and financial statements are coming in and will be added to the next statement. The current statement is attached. -- Accepted unanimously
4. Nina reported that potential panelists for the health care topic are responding to invitations to speak at the Winter Quarterly Meeting. It is taking considerable follow-through to get commitments from busy people, but the program is taking shape as a meaningful review of projects and programs that are actually functioning within our geographic community--emphasis not on theory but on actual delivery of services. There was discussion of food preparation details; serving is to begin at 6 PM followed by speakers beginning at 6:30 PM to allow time for good presentations and breakout discussions before the Council business meeting at 8 PM.
5. The Interfaith Dialogues schedule has gone out in the membership / fundraising mailing, and is posted on the web site as well as the virtual office. The schedule skips Super Bowl Sunday in February and resumes in March, with the April dialogue moved to the second week so as not to fall on Easter Sunday. The committee is commended for preparing good topics and coordinating discussion starters and venues.
6. Administrative Report -- Allan reported that the fundraising appeal is prepared for mailing. Each organization will receive the Council brochure and a history of its recent donations as well as the paperwork to update its delegate information. The mailings are tailored by audience (individual donors as distinct from member organizations).
7. Outreach -- Allan will approach the Hyde Park Herald for publicity of the Quarterly Meeting; there is no charge for listing in the Community Calendar. Nina is following the progress of the Fourth Ward Ministerial Alliance as it works out issues of identity and function, which are akin to our Council issues of mission, geography, clergy status, definition of "faith-based" and relationship to the public community. Nina also reported on communications with Rev. Theodore Richards who is beginning a Cosmosophia Spiritual Community in Hyde Park (to meet monthly at Quaker House), a group seeking a web link from the Council site. Kent reported that the University of Chicago Secular Student Alliance is in formative status and might continue not to want to identify at all

with the word "faith." Other groups of humanist orientation can feel comfortable in "interfaith" associations. There was fruitful discussion of terms like wicken, nontheist, atheist, humanist, spiritualist, spiriutual humanist, secular calvinist, pagan, satanist, as well as labels like congregation, church, faith group, spiritual community, etc. Kent also encouraged reaching out to groups by visiting them in person so that our presence becomes more immediate to them. Reciprocal web links are already established with several member organizations; we wonder how much exchange there is of newsletters and announcements. Our attention to diversity and collaboration has no shortage of fields of labor in Hyde Park!

#### 8. Community Service:

a. HPK Hunger Programs -- we are expecting a report soon from Rev. Susan Johnson who is our liaison person to this program.

b. Allan reported on Hyde Park Transitional Housing Project which has recently appointed a new case manager Deanna Hodges, and has Rev. Celeste A. Frazier of Power of Oneness Spiritual Center as its new president. Ellis Avenue Church is hosting current mentor training, at the completion of which the Project hopes to take on two or three families. The Project is between families now, as two families have recently completed their programs. Normally financial resources are available, and the limiting factor is primarily the availability of at least two mentors per family. The target clientele is famililes with children under age 18; they may be self-referrals or referrals from local clergy. More details are posted on the HPKIFC web site. March 6 will be the major annual fundraiser, Taste of Hyde Park, hosted at St. Thomas the Apostle School.

9. President's report: Elliot has been communicating with Esther Menn of Lutheran School of Theology Chicago about the March 18-19 environmental program in memory of Rabbi Arnold Jacob Wolf (1924-2008), former Rabbi of KAM Isaiah Israel, interfaith leader, visionary and friend of LSTC. However, the immediate focus is to encourage attendance at the February 10 Quarterly meeting of the Council--both delegates and interested public.

10. Other/New Business: Hooked on Drums, a Chicago not-for-profit organization fostering a creative musical environment for youth, is appealing for board members so that artistic founders can concentrate on teaching. Their flyer will be posted in the Council virtual office. Allan presented an invitation from National Association of Ecumenical and Interreligious Staff (of Seattle, WA) to a \$50 / year membership. The Executive Committee members are asked to look at the website [www.NAEIS.org](http://www.NAEIS.org) to determine whether this is an opportunity for an interfaith council like ours, or more appropriately for staff of individual congregations. Responses by email are invited.

11. Closing Prayer - Jonathan 6:33 PM

## Hyde Park & Kenwood Interfaith Council - Budget for FY ending June 30, 2010

Financial item	FY '10 Budget	Jan.	FY to date
<b>Balance at start of fiscal year</b>	\$ 23,000.00		\$ 23,097.45
<b>Income:</b>			
<i>Memberships</i>	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 275.00
<i>Donations</i>	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 916.00	\$ 6,713.25
<i>Thanksgiving (mail-gross)</i>	\$ 2,750.00		\$ 1,982.00
<i>Thanksgiving Day (net share)</i>	\$ 1,150.00		\$ 1,125.30
<i>Program Income</i>	\$ 360.00		
<i>Misc. Income</i>	\$ 25.00		
<i>Interest</i>	\$ 200.00	\$ 31.44	\$ 62.59
<b>Total Income:</b>	\$ 17,485.00	\$ 1,022.44	\$ 10,158.14
<b>Opening balance plus income:</b>	\$ 40,485.00		\$ 33,255.59
<b>Expenses:</b>			
<i>Program Expenses</i>	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 674.00
<i>Contributions &amp; Memberships</i>	\$ 1,800.00		\$ 825.00
<i>Transfer to HPK Hunger Program</i>	\$ 1,875.00		\$ 1,350.00
<i>Rent</i>			\$ 565.00
<i>Communications</i>	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 1,060.00
<i>Office Supplies, Equipment &amp; Related</i>	\$ 285.00		
<i>Telephone &amp; Internet</i>	\$ 700.00	\$ 29.90	\$ 256.33
<i>Fund Raising Expenses</i>	\$ 200.00		\$ 61.63
<i>Thanksgiving Service Expense</i>	\$ 675.00		\$ 502.00
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$ 150.00		\$ 28.49
<b>Expense Total:</b>	\$ 17,485.00	\$ 159.90	\$ 5,322.45
<b>Net Income or Deficit</b>	\$ -	\$ 862.54	\$ 4,835.69
<b>Balance</b>	\$ 23,000.00		\$ 27,933.14

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