

May 4, 2010 Interfaith Council Executive Committee meeting

Congregation Rodfei Zedek

Present: Jonathan Friesen, Elliot Gertel, Nina Grey, Laura Hollinger, Allan Lindrup, Susanna Rudofsky

Excused Absences: Batsheva Appel, Kent Busse, Kyohei Mikawa

1. Opening Prayer: Jonathan

2. Consideration of minutes of the April Executive Committee meeting

no quorum present, suggested to hold them until next month (later email suggestion was to vote on April minutes-as corrected and resent by Kent-via email in order to present them at May 27th Annual Meeting)

3. Treasurer's Report: Allan

Financial statement for FY 2010 with April updates

April financials: received membership from CTS (for both last year and the current fiscal year), Executive Committee members have recently done their follow-ups for dues from member organizations-waiting to hear back

Program expense of \$3000 was donation to Norma Jean Sanders Free Medical Clinic (this donation makes up a large proportion of their budget)

\$100 spent on website maintenance, \$30 is quarterly payment to Allan for checking Council email & voicemail

We have a positive balance of about \$27,000.

4. Report from Homeless Concerns Task-Force, with a proposal: Allan (proposal portion attached)

Discussed Angels Outreach program and support services they provide: clothing closet, meals, employment referrals, bus fare for job interviews/ fairs & medical appts., emergency assistance to prevent homelessness

Organization called Access to Recovery, next door to Angels Outreach, that provides addiction recovery services

Now is a transition period for Angels Outreach since Sr. Hale (who ran the program) died

Also discussed the list (part of the Task Force minutes) that Task Force created, in terms of services that SW Chicago PADS provides, that would be beneficial for our community to have (in the future) to assist the homeless

Proposal from Kenwood UCC to HPKIFC for Council to fund Employment, Housing and Health Care Services (EHHCS) Coordinator (for an initial period of 6 months, after which time, the proposal states that Kenwood UCC would also look for other sources of funding for continuing this program)

Our member organizations could refer people to this coordinator

Kenwood UCC would be the employer (providing supervision) to the EHHCS coordinator in partnership with HPKIFC

We discuss changing "in partnership with HPKIFC" to something along the lines of "with HPKIFC providing support for the program"

(because term partnership could potentially have legal ramifications)

Note: the proposed budget for FY 2011 was revised so that the funding for this position would come under the contribution budget line, rather than program expense line-this revision is reflected in the attached FY 2011 proposed budget.

It was asked that 4 months into the process Rev. Sanders & Dr. Stewart meet with the ExComm to report on progress, sharing the needs of our communities, what needs are being expressed to the EHHCS coordinator, are people coming to the coordinator, etc. Requested that Bob Bator, who is on Homeless Concerns TaskForce, be on the hiring committee for EHHCS coordinator.

It is pointed out that this program addresses both the PADS and Health-Care topics of our past meetings.

Straw vote of those in attendance was unanimous in favor.

HELD AN ELECTRONIC VOTE ("YES") ON ACCEPTING THIS PROPOSAL AND PROVIDING THE REQUESTED \$2500-5000 (For initial 6 months of this program)

The money will be transferred to Kenwood UCC after the hiring process, and hours and salary for EHHCS coordinator are determined; money will be paid out on a monthly basis. If proposal accepted, advertising will be sent out promptly seeking applicants for the position.

Also suggested that we invite someone from Angels Outreach to an ExComm meeting to report on their resources (after they adjust to their change in leadership)

5. Draft budget for our next fiscal year & related issues (such as website maintenance):

Allan (proposed budget is attached)

Estimated donations are more than this year's budget because of factoring in a special appeal to donate to EHHCS coordinator

Asked for delineation of contributions & memberships line to show which organizations we are donating to

(Donations from HPKIFC to Norma Jean Sanders Free Medical Clinic & EHHCS program was shifted from program expenses to Contributions & Memberships-attached version is already revised to show this change)

Smaller amount on communications line than this year:

Estimating about \$600 for website maintenance for the year

Allan will consult with our current webmaster to see if he might agree to \$50/ month for website maintenance; we are pleased with his work; he is prompt in terms of responding within a day to requests

Do we need an electronic vote by ExComm to accept this as our proposed budget to the Annual meeting (who will then vote regarding accepting it)?

6. Status report on plans for the Annual Meeting: Nina

Program topic: Creating Safe Communities (community responses to violence/ creative community efforts for reducing violence, creating peace)

In process of contacting potential speakers/ resources: Christian Peace-maker Teams, IL Restorative Justice, idea from Alderman Hairston's office-Black United Fund (walking kids to school in S. Shore community), CAPS (3rd district, or 1st or 2nd district), Alderman Preckwinkle's office, Ceasefire

For future (next year) program ideas: safe sanctuaries/ congregations program, domestic violence

Susanna-arrangement with LSTC for \$325 to provide space & food (for 30 people), we'll ask for a \$12 donation per person for the meal.

Suggestion that we make phone call invitations to our member organizations the week before the annual meeting personally inviting them to attend.

7. Discussion of possible by-law amendment: Allan

Hyde Park & Kenwood Interfaith Council

Proposed By-Laws Revision

Article Three: Membership

Revise the opening paragraph to add the sentence shown in italics.

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. *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.* We also welcome individual supporters.

straw vote of those present in agreement

HELD A VOTE ("YES") via email, now bring it to the Annual Meeting

8. Further consideration of proposed HPKIFC banner (electronic vote have been a 3 to 3 tie): Allan

Straw vote among those in attendance results in 4 to 4 tie;

PLEASE SEND your preference among blue or white background; if there's still no clear mandate, we could vote on it at Annual Meeting

9. Further discussion of outreach, deferred from April meeting

decided that initial contact with potential new member organizations should be a mailing= a letter with our new member directory (Allan expects to have the member directory updated and ready by mid-summer)

10. Other/ new business

Children's Choir has a new coordinator; Susanna has been in touch about Thanksgiving day contract

New UU Social Justice resource sheet on services to the homeless coming out soon

Zygon Center program on environment & justice was a success

Fuel initiative, proposal that was sent to us a few months ago; a representative will perhaps come to June ExComm meeting

Next ExComm meeting will be June 1, the week after our Annual Meeting

11. Closing prayer: Laura

EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING, AND HEALTH CARE SERVICES COORDINATOR

A PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO THE HYDE PARK AND KENWOOD INTERFAITH COUNCIL FOR FUNDING OF A NEW POSITION IN MINISTRY TO THE HYDE PARK-KENWOOD COMMUNITY

Statement of Need: Kenwood United Church of Christ (KUCC) and the Hyde Park and Kenwood Interfaith Council (HPKIFC) have a long history of partnership in responding to meet needs of homeless, economically challenged, and medically uninsured persons of our communities. In spite of changes within Hyde Park, Kenwood, and surrounding neighborhoods, many of our brothers and sisters continue to be unemployed or underemployed, many are without permanent residences, many regularly utilize area food pantries and soup kitchens, and an increasing number are uninsured or underinsured for health care. Ministry includes caring for our neighbors; including helping to provide basic needs or to help our neighbors better meet their own needs and the needs of their families through attaining employment, adequate housing, and quality health care.

Proposal: One way to provide this ministry is to help connect persons with opportunities and services to help them solve employment, housing, and health care access challenges. The establishment of the position of Employment, Housing, and Health Care Services Coordinator as part of the outreach ministry of KUCC, in partnership with the HPKIFC, is envisioned to do this. The EHHCS Coordinator would work out of KUCC to help connect persons with potential employers, help them pursue and obtain housing, help persons navigate the health care system—including enrolling persons for services made available through the recent health care reform legislation, and provide other social service assistance as needed and appropriate.

The EHHCS Coordinator would be employed as a part-time contractor by KUCC and funded through a grant from the HPKIFC. The EHHCS Coordinator would work 8-12 hours per week, based at KUCC though the Feed the People soup kitchen and the Norma Jean Sanders Free Clinic, and have access to the online resources of the KUCC Computer Center.

The proposed stipend is \$12-16 per hour, depending on the experience of the person hired.

Desirable past work history includes experience in social work or social service ministry.

Rev. Dr. Leroy Sanders, Senior Pastor of KUCC; Rev. Dr. David Stewart, Medical Director of the Norma Jean Sanders Free Clinic; and (if desired by the HPKIFC) a representative of the Hyde Park and Kenwood Interfaith Council will serve as the hiring committee.

Rev. Sanders, or an Associate Pastor of KUCC of his choosing, will serve as the direct supervisor of the EHHCS Coordinator. Dr. Stewart will assist as a resource for health care services.

The initial duration of employment will be six months, with six month extensions available by mutual agreement of Rev. Sanders representing KUCC, the HPKIFC, and the EHHCS Coordinator.

The position will be posted in the Hyde Park Herald, at HPKIFC affiliated congregations, with the University Of Chicago School of Social Services Administration, with Hyde Park area seminaries, and at other sites as deemed appropriate.

Estimated cost to the HPKIFC is \$2500-\$5000 for six months. We will seek other funding to help continue the program.

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

Financial item	FY '10 Budget	FY thru April	FY '11 Budget
Balance at start of fiscal year	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,097.45	\$ 28,000.00
Income:			
<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
Total Income:	\$ 17,485.00	\$ 13,450.63	\$ 18,660.00
Opening balance plus income:	\$ 40,485.00	\$ 36,548.08	\$ 46,660.00
Expenses:			
<i>Program Expenses</i>	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,949.00	\$ 1,000.00
<i>Contributions & 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 & 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
Expense Total:	\$ 17,485.00	\$ 9,548.38	\$ 17,065.00
Net Income or Deficit	\$ -	\$ 3,902.25	\$ 1,595.00
Balance	\$ 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

Hyde Park and Kenwood Interfaith Council Executive Committee													
	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	<-- July 2009 - June 2010
Pres	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Rabbi Elliot Gertel
V-Pres	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	Rev. Laura Hollinger
V-Pres	X	X		X		X	X		X	X	X	X	Rev. John Modschiedler
Treas	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Allan J. Lindrup
A-L		X											Annika Frazier-Muhammad
A-L	X		X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	Rev. Nina Grey
A-L													Rev. Susan Johnson
A-L	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Susanna Rudofsky
A-L	X	X		X	X	X	X		X				Kyohei Mikawa
A-L													Rev. Freddy Washington*
A-L	X	X	X	X				X				X	Rev. Jonathan Friesen
A-L		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			Rabbi Batsheva Appel
Sec	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			Kent Busse
<p>Executive Committee Meetings: The Executive Committee will meet at least six times a year. The President is the moderator of the meeting. Seven members of the Executive Committee representing at least five member organizations will constitute a quorum. At its discretion, the Executive Committee may poll members not present for any vote. Meetings are open to representatives of all member organizations</p>													
* = voted by email													