

## **Carbondale Interfaith Council February 2018 Minutes**

**Next meeting: March 20, 2018 6pm Church of the Good Shepherd  
515 S Orchard Dr, Carbondale, IL 62901**

February's meeting was held at the Dayemi Community Center on February 27, 2018 from 6pm to 8pm

Joy Nur shared reflections on the Sufi traditions from the book "HOLISTIC ISLAM: Sufism, Transformation, & the Challenge of Our Time: by Kabir Helminski.

Changes to the January 2018 minutes has been noted about the Faithful Youth Voices Art that Corene McDaniel of Boskydell Baptist Church and the African American Museum leadership, along with Sumera Makhdoom of the Carbondale Mosque, Pastor Paul Waterman of Epiphany Lutheran Church and Kara Dunkel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are planning a traveling exhibit to showcase youth artwork representing their beliefs. If the youth in your congregations would like to participate, please contact one of the listed persons. More details coming soon. Other groups interested in having their youth participate include Hopewell Baptist Church, Elkhaville Baptist Church, CCHS and I Can Read.

- It was moved to approve the minutes with the amendments
- Seconded and approved by a vote by the members present

1. Jess Jobe was unable to attend. Details of a shared event between the Southern Illinois Immigration Rights Project (SIIRP) and the Ralph Anderson Interfaith Dialogues (RAID) given by Sarah Richards during that designated time.

2. Good Samaritan director Patty Mullen was unable to attend due to illness but board members Maurine Pyle and Doug Phillips spoke on her behalf. There are 2 new board members joining, Paul Kosuth and Jason Powell. Currently there are some refreshing projects going on at the house, with some of the rooms being painted and new pillows and box springs. Financially Good Sam is ok at this time. The Souper Bowl event went well. There is a 5k fundraising in conjunction with the Carbondale Co-Op in the works for April. Patty is working on rewriting the emergency guidelines. There was also discussion about the Sparrow Coalition and building stronger connections with Good Sam.

3. Transitioned into discussing the winter housing crisis and the city cutting funding to some of the social services used during these times of need. It was discussed that there should be a discussion held with city leaders, the police department, the hospital, the library, the university, the Sparrow Coalition and CIC about the need for these services.

- A motion was made to have Maurine Pyle and Scott Martin reach out to these organizations to see about availability to have this dialogue.
- Seconded and all approved by a vote by the members present

4. A motion was made to have the following officers of the Carbondale Interfaith Council will have signature authority to write checks for the organization : Scott Martin, President; Mazhur Butt, Vice President; Jack Wides, Treasurer.

- Motion was seconded and approved by a vote by the members present

5. Cuts to programs such as Good Sam, I Can Read and The Boys & Girls Club were discussed. It was suggested that a letter be written to the city stating our disapproval of the cuts. The letter will be worked on by Maurine and Scott as a statement of values these programs have.

6. Sarah Richards handed out a list of tentative dialogues for 2018.

1. **Welcoming the Stranger** will be Sunday April 15, 2018 2 - 4pm possibly at The Newman Center. It will focus on how faith has changed through the immigrant experience. Reflections to be given by Cindy Buys, Paul Waterman, Ousemane Sawadogo.

\*\*Next planning meeting with SIIRP and RAID committee is Wednesday, March 14 5:30pm at Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship (CUF)\*\*

2. **Coming Out in Faith** will be Sunday, June 3, 2018 2 - 4pm at CUF. This is during Pride week and will focus on how faith has changed in the coming out process and asking religious leaders/ representatives how has their faith community supported the LGBTQ people. Currently working with the Rainbow Cafe to recruit panelists, Rev. Kim Magwire has confirmed participation.

\*\*Next planning meeting TBA

3. **Wahtsaht Ceremony/ Taste of Faith** will be Tuesday October 23, 2018 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints facility at 7168 Old Rte 13 Murphysboro, IL, time TBA. Brian Wilkes and Joyce Rheal explained that this is a week long celebration and ceremony to show the change of summer to winter. There is a drumming circle of 5 drums, Wahtsaht dance and a ceremonial dinner usually consisting of salmon and a root vegetable, which demonstrate and symbolize the roles of the men and women in the Native American society.

\*\*Next planning meeting TBA

7. Rebecca Marten, Scott Martin and Maurine Pyle will work on the social media sites (eg. Facebook and the CIC website) It was suggested the homepage of our website have a timeless feel to it and the history of the RAID will be updated by Becca and SaraFaye Marten.

8. Next meeting will be March 20th (Election day!) 6pm at Church of the Good Shepherd

9. Kara Dunkel shared information about SIH programs on behalf of Jo Sanders. There are still grants available for congregations to use for emergency preparedness and AED

machines. Due dates are March 1 and September 1, 2018. Jackson County Sheriff department and Carbondale Police are offering assistance in looking over emergency plans at our congregations and giving advice. They will not set up the plan for you. Many classes and workshops happening:

- They are offering classes for congregational health connectors on May 16 & 23, 2018 8am - 4pm at John A. Logan College
- Transforming Loss: Finding Potential for Growth in conjunction with Hospice. May 1, 2018 1 - 3:30pm John A. Logan College Conference Center Room F-119
- Southern Illinois Wellness Expo Saturday March 24, 2018 7am - 2pm John A. Logan College. Tickets \$10 (adults) until March 22nd, \$15 at the door. Children age 17 and under are free.
- Diabetes Workshop; every Friday afternoon for 6 weeks; March 9, 2018 to April 13, 2018. 1:30pm - 4pm at Logan Primary Care, 405 Rushing Dr. Carterville, IL 62948
- Foundations of Faith community/ Parish Nursing course. Promoting health, healing and wholeness in the faith community. June 13, 27 July 11, 25 August 8, 22 8am - 4:30pm John A. Logan College. Target audience in registered nurses or other professionals who are interested in participating in a Health Ministry program can attend with the consent of the course director.

10. Kara Dunkel runs the website JustServe.org which helps Non for Profit organizations post their needs for volunteers and donations on their website. Should anyone need assistance, please see Kara. Kara also provided information about the 2011 flooding of Pinhook and their resettlement in Sikeston, MO. 'Tunnel of Oppressions' took place at Grinnell Hall on the SIU campus. Tisha Petty shared that the Church of the Good Shepherd is now using solar energy!

Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm