

Carbondale Interfaith Council May 2018 Meeting Minutes

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 28 6pm First United Methodist Church
214 W. Main St. Carbondale, IL 62901**

Mays meeting was held at University Baptist Church on May 22, 2018 from 6 to 8pm.

Pat Tucker & Mike provided a history of the Carbondale First United Methodist Church as well as information about the food pantry they run. Everyone is welcome to donate to the food pantry which is open Monday - Friday 9am to 1pm.

A moment of silence was held for Mike Heath and Dr. Michaelis Jackson who both passed away recently.

1. The time of the next RAID dialogue was changed to 1 - 3pm. Minutes were approved with adjustment.
2. Jack Wides provided the treasurer's report stating there is \$7,287 in the checking account as of the previous week. Many of the faith organizations have already paid their dues for the year. There are \$4,500 in donations to Good Samaritan that have already been given to them and taken out of the balance. A Motion was made to make a \$1,500 donation to Good Samaritan in memory of Mike Heath, it was passed unanimously. Checks of \$300 to Sara Faye Marten and Pastor Paul Waterman have been given for their upcoming trip to The Parliament of World Religions. A second motion was made to reimburse Fr. Bob Flannery \$300 for his trip to The Parliament of World Religions as well, this passed unanimously. The 3 will be representing The Carbondale Interfaith Council.
3. Pat Tucker provided us with the history of the Food Pantry. It was started in the 1980's by Elsie Speck & Margie Parker. The majority of the workers in the pantry are volunteers, with 3 paid employees from Good Samaritan. The St. Louis food pantry sends a truck once a month, some vendors at the Farmer's Market donate their unsold items and donations come in from the interfaith community as well. They are always looking for egg cartons.
4. There will be a RAID program "Coming out in faith" held on Sunday June 3, 2018 at the Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship from 1 to 3pm. This is in conjunction with Pride Week. RAID began in the 1980's as Jewish-Christian-Muslim Conversations, with the name changed to the current Ralph Anderson Interfaith Dialogues in 2004. RAID celebrated 25 years in 2008.
5. CAIRS will have a meeting on May 23rd 3:30pm at the Mosque. They are still taking donations to take to the International Center in St. Louis. They are also helping immigrants in the area, so if anyone knows of someone needing help please let them know.
6. The Sparrow Coalition was started as Marleen Shepard's seminary project. The group focuses on assisting the homeless in the area. They meet the 2nd Thursday of the month at the

First Christian Church at noon. Starting on Thursday May 24th thru Saturday May 26th there will be a free cycle program at Gaia House from 12pm to 6pm. Hygiene bags are available at the Good Samaritan House, the food pantry and the police station.

7. Scott Martin provided a history of the Race Unity group. They meet weekly at the Newman Center and hold various programs throughout the year.

8. Becca Marten thanked everyone for responding to the test email. The website is continually being worked on.

10. (9 was a duplicate of 7) The August meeting will be on August 28th at First United Methodist Church at 6pm.

Announcements:

- Fr. Fred Janacek thanked everyone for the RAID program “Welcoming the Stranger”
- The St. Louis Muslim families are inviting other faith groups into their homes during Ramadan
- Kara Dunkel thanked everyone for their donations to the Pinhook project
- Kara also let us know that if there are young people looking for volunteer opportunities to look into the website www.justserve.org

Meeting adjourned 7:10pm