

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Report of Meeting

1/8/85

Present: Leon Hopper, Dick Jacke, Eastshore Unitarian; Carla Vendeland, Overlake Park Presbyterian; Eric Hdmstrom, Rod Weeks, Issaquah Community; Dennis Hughes, Jan Nestler, Newport Presbyterian; Bill Hollingsworth, First United Methodist; Gordon Schnee, First United Methodist; Nadine Shannon, St. Margaret's Episcopal; Bonnie King, Cross of Christ Lutheran; Pat Meehand, Mardi Dougan, Sacred Heart Catholic; Harry Applewhite, First Congregational; Geoffrey Ethelston, St. John's Episcopal, Kirkland; Mary Meda Attwood, Dorothy Shindler, St. Louise Catholic; David Bloom, Brad McGuire, Church Council of Greater Seattle; Elaine Carlson, East King Options; Barbara Shelton, East King Council of Social and Health Services; Mary Ann Yglesias, Bellevue Emergency Services;

MSP TO APPROVE December minutes.

First agenda item was the policy statement. Hollingsworth proposed amendment concerning handling of emergency meetings, which was MSP specifying a 2/3 vote needed for approval. (This is unclear from the notes and I cannot pick it up from tape. I assume it shows up in final draft of policy statement. W.E.)

MSP that when 20% or more of representatives present and voting are in opposition to the majority statement, the minority will be given opportunity to issue a minority report. (I assume this is incorporated in final draft also. W.E.)

Ms. Yglesias reported on Emergency Services Fund, balance now \$433.88. Vendeland will see to reporting this to churches. Checks should be sent to Ms. Yglesias at Food Bank, made out to Emergency Services Fund. Representatives from Issaquah Community Baptist Church told of Issaquah Food Bank. MSP to accept Ms. Yglesias's report.

Bonnie King described outline of events as submitted by Buzz Kahn in December for Eastside program on Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry document. The two-day conference on Feb. 6 and 7 sponsored by Washington Association of Churches was mentioned. This will be held at University Lutheran Church. Shindler suggested EISCC wait until after that to plan its events. Applewhite (who was chairing the meeting) proposed this be item on Feb. agenda.

Nadine Shannon reported on Asian Resettlement Center which is still operating on funds received from churches and individuals..Board being reorganized. Esther Ho now director with Bob Keller as Financial Director. Applewhite spoke on evaluation by committee appointed to advise city council. Pat Meehan added that Walfred Erickson and Paul Sander now are on ARC board.

Shindler agreed to represent EISCC at Interservice Club meeting Jan. 9. Vendeland reported high bank charges; Attwood will assist. Vendeland reported on Shoalwater Jobs project. \$25,000 raised so far for firewood project. Etc.

Hughes brought up question of membership of similarly minded groups, etc. MSP that membership may be extended to groups from social and welfare fields who have similar philosophies ~~and~~ consistent with aims of EISCC. (Does this mean voting membership? W.E.)

Miscellaneous announcements. Next meeting Feb. 12 at St. Margaret's

Comm 1
Weeks
Comm 2

Refugee situation - classification
of law

Bill Hollingsworth
info sheet on law
Hollingsworth

EASTSIDE

Interfaith

SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

TO: Members of Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns

RE: Bits and Pieces

FROM: Carla Vendeland (who has no business writing all this except I'm treasurer and want to cover all in one mailing.)

1. Note Mary Ann Yglesias' report. I'm copying this from former minutes: Checks to the Bellevue Emergency Services Fund should be made out to
NORTH/EAST KING COUNTY MULTI-SERVICE CENTER

Checks should be sent to
Rm # 18
15749 N.E. 4th St.
Bellevue, Wn. 98008

Checks should be designated
Bellevue Emergency Services Fund

2. I took it upon myself to copy the last page containing the additions of last meeting. Harry couldn't tell me exactly what words we used, Mardie gave all to Walfred, Walfred can't use a tape... Bill Hollingsworth is hard to get by phone... I had to discuss a pressing issue with Dennis Hughes, forgot to mention this. Check this carefully. I think intent is right.

3. Didn't I just volunteer to physically copy and send things out?

EASTSIDE

SOCIAL CONCERNS

NEXT MEETING: 11 FEBRUARY

12 NOON

St. Margaret's Episcopal
Church

Bring sack lunch-beverage
provided

Meeting Minutes
14 January 1985

Meeting was called to order by President Nadine Shannon

Members present: Nadine Shannon, Walfred Erickson, Buzz Kahn, Bonnie King, Loyce Panos, Dorothy Shindler, Carla Vendeland, Tim Johnson, Shirley Croonquist, Ester Ross, Elizabeth Fisher, Hope Chapin, LeeAnne Knechtel, Pat Meehan, Carl Sternoff, Harry Applewhite, Geoff Ethelston, Bill Hollingsworth, Mardie Dougan, Karin Frankenburger.

Observers: Rev. Chris Phillips, temporary host, St. Margaret's
Shay Suckeman, Temple De Hirsch Sinai
Nancy Jacobs, St. Margaret's
Rev. Walcott Hunger, St. Thomas Episcopal

Associate Organizations present: Karin Frankenburger, KIN; Mary Ann Yglesias, Bellevue MultiService Center and Bellevue Emergency Services Fund; Elaine Carlson, East King Options; Rev. David Bloom, Church Council of Greater Seattle.

Guests: Debbie Brown, Crisis Line

IN-HOUSE BUSINESS

Minutes approved as corrected. See pg.1 of 12/10/85 minutes under "Goals for future of EISCC", #2: Bill Hollingsworth recommended a quarterly publication which tells of what we do. Also-- The background description of the Human Service Advisory Committee can be found in the 11/12/85 minutes.

A big THANK YOU was extended to LeeAnne Knechtel and Lyn Lambert for the stand up name cards for everybody! Names and faces can't help but be connected.

Quarterly mailing updating churches on the activities of EICSS was mentioned as being in the works. Should St. Margaret's use their bulk mailing permit? Tim Johnson asked for ideas about the type of information that should be included. To whom should it be sent? Just Eastside pastors? Social action lay people?

REPORTS

FISH, 1968-80. Geoff Ethelston This program was formed at St. Margaret's to provide emergency services to those in need in the community. FISH worked to get a core of people (30) to take the phone and refer to others for a 'hands on' response to need. Beginning services included: temporary youth shelter, babysitting, meal packages, gathering up appliances/furniture needed. Non-emergency services included companionship for the elderly, hospital visiting, helping the blind, prayer chain (which could be emergency). FISH ended from burn out of volunteers and the fact that social agencies were beginning to really pull a help network together in the community.

The story of FISH is a good story. Volunteers in the church moved into a gap and filled it well. This story holds a lesson. The churches should always be looking for gaps and then call to the community for help.

REPORTS CONT'D

Telecare. Nadine Shannon . Overlake Medical Center has this program in which people agree to call elders, people recovering from sickness, etc., being a caring voice and kind of security check. If there is no answer when caller tries to make contact, 911 is sent out immediately. Would this kind of service be a good one for church volunteers?

Elder Gift Boxes. Carla Vendeland. Over a dozen youth assembled 108 gift boxes which were distributed to the Highland Sr. Center, No. Shore Senior Center, Bellevue Food Bank, Evergreen Care Network. Cost was over 500 dollars. Participating as donors were: St. Margaret's Thrift Shop, Overlake Park and youth year around aluminum recycling. More churches (youth) are needed for next year. Plans include an assembling party AND a small program put on by the staff of Evergreen Care Network to help youth understand some of the problems faced by elder citizens.

For 1986: Newport Presbyterian has requested a report. St. Margaret's Thrift Shop is on board. Girl Scouts are taking over the hand-made candle project, and a member of Aldersgate UMC has donated holiday greeting cards. WE NEED MORE YOUTH!!!!

CRISIS LINE. Debbie Brown. There are three lines in the system: 1) Handles crises 24 hours a day and Holidays...Paid supervisor on hand to help volunteers. 2) Community info. line, M-F, 9-5, staffed by volunteers and refers to local agencies with off hour recording sending people back to #1. 3) Day care referral line which draws on 1500 facilities in King County. The whole complex of lines is served by a computer set up containing 1800 local agencies.

For emergency housing, the Crisis Line has a daily bed bank. BUT THERE ARE NO SHELTERS ON THE EASTSIDE*NOR ARE THERE PLACES FOR HOT MEALS. (*Bothell)

BELLEVUE EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND. Mary Ann Yglesias. Quarterly report handed out. Corrections and additions are included in the report attached to these minutes.

SPECIAL NOTE: St. Margaret's Thrift Shop has just pledged \$250.00 per quarter to BESF. Thrift shop volunteers will be working with BESF to provide clothing too. (Latter is not an accomplished fact: they are working toward this.)

Food Bank Information: 320-360 families being served per week. 600 families received Christmas baskets.

WEEKEND NEED.

According to Crisis Line food and shelter needs are requested during the weekend. Nadine feels that there should be somewhere, like a fire station that might be a place for getting food on the weekends. Overlake Park, as Emergency Feeding outlet, would donate some food boxes. (They already give extra food out on Fridays before weekends.) Overlake Park cannot supply any volunteers. They desperately need volunteers to help during the week days. These are people who are on call at home from either 9:30-12:00 or 1:30-4:30 several days per week. When a referral comes through that person is called to come to the church to give out a food box. OPPC IS NOT a good place to distribute food on weekends. Shelter needs were passed onto the Executive Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Time is ripe to write state legislators about the housing bill. Info. enclosed. Feb. 8 is the almost annual housing conference of the Church Council of Greater Seattle. St. Thomas passed out "Noel" pamphlet--Nat'l. Organization of Episcopalians for Life. All in secretary's notebook.

I am here tonight to speak on behalf of the need to establish a Human Service Commission.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

We, the Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council, believe that
(name of organization)

a community must be concerned about the welfare of all its citizens, including the needy. Therefore, we support the concept that the Bellevue City Government has a role in the functions of planning, facilitating, and funding human services in cooperation with providers and other regional governments. To this end, we support the formation of a Bellevue Human Services Commission made of citizen members to continually assess human services needs and recommend solutions which stress regional cooperation.

Now as we are all aware, any change from the norm attracts those who are supportive as well as those who are opposed. Some of the more noticeable comments which have been made in opposition to the Commission are: just another bureaucracy.. concern over cost...the city shouldn't get too involved, etc. As we all know, these concerns are real and certainly have some validity.

However, these concerns become insignificant compared to the real direct problem of accurately assessing the needs & providing the best resources to meet these needs with most effective cost measures. A fresh approach to our Eastside problems, which are real, must be made if we are to succeed. The Human Service Commission is one of the tools that is being developed and is worthy of your support.

This commission will give us the added dimension and forum to:

- Provide both short and long range goal planning;
- To allow the effective proactive course taken to meet needs rather than reactive to the problem;
- Avoids pitting agency against agency in vieing for survival funds...instead they may work cooperatively to meet the needs of individuals as the agency is designed to do;
- Provide grass roots knowledge of needs as well as needs currently unmet;
- No strings to any one group so can be free to be objective;
- Cost effectiveness;
- Act as advocates for implementing your decisions.

With these as a start, the bottom line is to provide intervention in such a manner that the individual can mainstream into our society again. The Human Service Commission provides the required dimension to accomplish this.

Thank you for your caring!!!

Nadine Shannon, President
Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns
Council

Report of Meeting, Feb. 12, 1985
EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Present: Dougan, Meehan, Sacred Heart; Applewhite, First Cong; Fisher, Eastgate Cong; Shannon, Hess, St. Margaret's Episc; Shindler, St. Louise; Vendeland, Gwinn, Overlake Park Pres; Jacke, Hopper, Eastshore U; King, Kahn, Cross of Christ Luth; Hollingsworth, 1st Meth; Holmstrom, Weeks, Issaquah Community; Ethelston, St. John's Episc; Joan Cresca, St. Margaret's Episc; Elaine Carlson, East King Options; Mary Ann Yglesias, Bellevue Emerg. Services; Barbara Shelton, East King Council; David Bloom, Church Council of Greater Seattle; Walfred Erickson, chairman.

Meeting called to order at 12:05.

Question raised about banks' practise of charging \$5 to cash SS and welfare checks. MSP (moved by Hollingsworth) the committee of 3 be appointed to draft proposal. (Chair later apptd Fisher, Dougan, Vendeland.)

Cresca described plans by St. Margaret's to bring 12 children from Northern Ireland for respite time/learning time to Bellevue area in coming summer.

Jacke reported developments on Eastshore's Latin American refugee sanctuary program; first refugee family has moved on; Eastshore reevaluating, considering another; welcomes help, offers speakers. Much discussion ensued. MSP with one "no" vote; chair to appt committee to draft information sheet to be brought before EISCC in March with a view to passing on to churches. (Chair apptd Jacke, Hollingsworth, Weeks.)

Kahn reported for committee asked to suggest ways for EISCC to promote study of Baptism, Eucharist, Ministry document among Eastside churches. Discussion followed. MSP--EISCC encourages each church to hold at least 3 meetings to study BEM document. EISCC will sponsor general meeting on the afternoon of May 19th at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Churches should note that Eastgate Congregational has a series planned for 5 Sunday evenings in March and they can look there for guidance and materials. Call acting pastor Fields for information.

Applewhite expressed concern about implications of possible moving of the South African consulate office to Bellevue.

Erickson turned chair over to Meehan because he wanted to discuss matters pertaining to Asian Resettlement Center of which he is now a board member. He reviewed his brief experience with that agency and a meeting he attended of agency representatives and the advisory committee appointed by the city. He believes there is validity in the advisory committee recommendations; also believes problems can be solved. He recommended EISCC go on record stating 1, stating the importance of the agency, 2, stating confidence in ability of ARC board to solve its problems, 3, asking community to support it. He asked churches to be thinking of what support they can give, suggesting a goal of 50 churches giving \$500 per year for three years through individuals and groups like circles and classes. Applewhite, who had served on the advisory committee, said he is not willing to support the recommendation. Much discussion followed. There was a motion to table the recommendation.

The meeting broke up by a show of feet.

Next meeting: March 12, 12 noon, St. Margaret's Episcopal Church. Agenda items: Committee reports, see above; report from Eastside Family Haven; Eastside Rape Relief, Domestic Violence; Latest Developments in Asian Resettlement Center.

Above is condensed from secretary's notes, which are on file.

Report to EISCC re: Warrants, checks issued by the State across Welfare program and Social Security.

Choice bill is substitute S3029. Currently in rules and Washington Association of Churches, Washington State Catholic Conference lobbyists pushing for a "caucus position" so that lobbyists don't have to contact EVERY Senator.

S3029 limits state chartered banks and public depositories to a charge of \$1.00 for cashing.

Senators from the Eastside should be ~~contacted~~ beginning March 11.

From Margaret Casey
To Center Underland

Report of Meeting

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May 14, 1985

Present; Vendeland, Overlake Park Presbyterian; Shannon, St Margaret's Episcopal; Dougan and Meehan, Sacred Heart Catholic; Applewhite, First, Cong., Bellevue; Kahn, Cross of Christ Luth.; Shindler, St. Louise, Cath.; Holmstrom, Weeks, Community Bapt., Issaquah; Hopper, Jacke, Eastshore Unit.; Hollingsworth, First United Meth., Bellevue; Erickson, chairman; Carlson, East King Options; Bloom, Church Council of Greater Seattle; Yglesias, North/East King County Multi-Service Center; Shelton, East King Council; Carlson, Friends of Youth.

By request of the chair, Hollingsworth led in prayer.

Carlson reported on Friends of Youth, particularly a new program recruiting families to provide foster homes for troubled youth, ages 8-23. Seek nine homes in Bellevue, Redmond area. He described other Friends of Youth programs, Griffen Home (Renton) Talbot House, Issaquah. Have received county block grant funds to purchase shelter home for runaway. Primary purpose to reconcile youth with parents. Approximately 2600 per year run away for one or more nights from eastside homes.

Kahn reported on BEM dialogue to be held following Sunday at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church. Program to consist of discussion of a taped panel discussion by representatives of 6 traditions.

The chairman, who is organizing the fund drive for the Asian Resettlement Center, reported on progress in the campaign, urging attendance at the kick-off event to be held the end of June.

Bloom reported Truxton Ringe is new Vice President of Church Council of Greater Seattle; Dougan called attention to seminar to be held for caregivers, Sat., 5/18; Shindler asked for update on Hillaire property, Yglesias said we'll wait and see; Shindler asked about Shoalwater Jobs, Vendeland said project still alive despite set-backs; Emergency Services Fund down to about \$80.00., people being served from other funds; Applewhite called attention to final S up and Celebrity Hour.

Homgren reported on conditions in Issaquah, 6 churches working together; \$7,000 spent in last few months on aid to needy. Food bank and clothing bank.
Phone : 392 4133,

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Next meeting, June 11, St. Margaret's Episcopal Church

Membership dues, \$20 annually. Don't let your congregation lose the blessing of being a fully paid-up member of EISCC.

Temple de Hirsch has accepted our invitation to membership and we expect representative at the June meeting.

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Interfaith

NOTICE! There will be NO August meeting.

NEXT MEETING: 10 September
St. Margaret's
NOON

MEETING MINUTES, 9 July 85

Meeting was called to order by Nadine Shannon, acting on Walfred's behalf.

Members Present Nadine Shannon, St. Margaret's; Carl G. Sternoff, Temple De Hirsch; Ann Olds, St. Louise; Elaine Carlson, East King Options; Pat Meehan, Sacred Heart; Shirley Croonquist, 1st Congregational; Carla Vendeland, Overlake Park Presbyterian; Dick Jacke, East Shore Unitarian; Geoff Ethelston, St. John's Episcopal-Kirkland; Bonnie King, Cross of Christ Lutheran

In-house Business

Meeting Minutes- approved

- should include date, place and time of next meeting
- motions should have names so we can tell who did what

Treasurer's Report- there is \$127.90 in the EISCC account

(Carla)

- the money is used for postage (Carla contributes copying)
- Pat Meehan, member of Nominating Committee, asked for a list of paid-up members from which to nominate next year's officers.
- Contributing members are: Eastgate Congregational, St. Louise, Bellevue Christian, Sacred Heart, St. Margaret's, First Congregational, Newport Presbyterian, Cross of Christ Lutheran, St. Madeleine Sophie, Community Baptist of Issaquah, East Shore Unitarian, St. John Episcopal, Neighborhood Church, Gloria Dei, Overlake Park (credited for Carla's contribution).
- Dick Jacke brought up the fact that since we will not have an August meeting, new statement should be included with the minutes.
- Dues are \$20.00 from September to September

Membership- See treasurer's report

- official roster will be established in September when dues are paid
- concensus of the group that Mercer Island (therefore Rabbi Mirel) congregations are very welcome into membership of EISCC

Constitution and By Laws- Nadine suggested that each member receive a "good" copy of the Constitution and By Laws. Bonnie agreed to type them in time for minutes' mailing.

Reports

EAST KING COUNCIL- The Eastside Human Services Forum IV scheduled for (Nadine Shannon) 29 September.

- 9:00 - 11:30 Opening Comments and Workshops
- 11:30 - Noon Forum Luncheon Registration
- Noon - 1:30 Keynote Speaker, Fr. William J. Sullivan S.J.
- 1:45 - 4:00 Workshops
- 4:00 - 5:00 Reception

Throughout day - Resource Fair of organizations providing human services on Eastside.

-All members should plan to attend. Carla suggested that one take a pastor to this luncheon. \$125⁰⁰ / person

EAST KING COUNCIL (cont'd.)

- Churches not very involved in the work of East King Council
- Geoff Ethelston made a motion to send out East King Council materials to all churches in an attempt to stir up interest. Dick Jacke seconded. (The information follows, but has been incorporated in the minutes. The timing for East King Council to send out a mailing is very bad... information is currently being updated.)

East King Council

Bellevue Community College, P.O. Box 92700, Bellevue, Washington 98009 2037

641-2418

WHAT is East King Council?

A private, non-profit agency with the goal of increasing community awareness of human need and of encouraging the coordination of community resources to meet that need.

WHY an agency like East King Council?

In times of increased acute need and decreased resources, it is essential that all sectors of the community --- church, private, business/corporate, education, service clubs, as well as health and human service providers --- work together in response to the human service needs of the community, with the goal of improving the quality of life for all its residents.

ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS for 1984-85:

- To provide leadership for the identification of needs for human services.
- To initiate community awareness of needs and resources for human services.
- To promote and foster community involvement in human services.
- To encourage the coordination of community resources for the delivery of human services.

AGENCY INFORMATION:

Staff: Executive Director, Community Relations Director, Citizen Involvement Director, Community Organization Specialist, Office Manager and individual consultants hired for specific projects.

Board of Directors: Currently at 15, with recruitment underway for expansion to 25. Geographic and constituent areas represented include: Bellevue, Kirkland, Redmond, Snoqualmie Valley and Woodinville; clergy, education, business, health and human services, volunteer services.

Areas Served: East King County as defined by the following school districts: Northshore, Lake Washington, Bellevue, Issaquah, Upper and Lower Snoqualmie Valley, Mercer Island.

Standing Committees of the Board: Executive, Finance, Personnel, Community Outreach; as well as special committees dealing with the Eastside Human Services Coalition, Regional Service Center Study, Snoqualmie Valley Needs Assessment.

HOW does East King Council accomplish its goals?

Identification of human service needs through public events, studies, coalitions and task forces.

Education through development of Resource Directory, newsletters and interaction with local government.

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SOCIAL CONCERNS

NEXT MEETING: 10 December

12 NOON

St. Margaret's Episcopal Church

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Meeting Minutes
12 November 1985

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Associate Organizations present: Bellevue MultiService Center- Mary Ann Yglesias
East King Options- Elaine Carlson
Church Council Greater Seattle- David Bloom

Guest organizations: Overlake Service League- Kay King
St. Margaret's Thrift Shop- Joan Crecca
Operation Blessing- Richard Bray

IN-HOUSE BUSINESS

Minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report: As of October 31 there is \$367.98 in the EISCC account.

Need a representative to the Church Council of Greater Seattle. The Council's meetings follow ETSCC once a month. No one volunteered. Passed back to Executive Committee.

Sponsoring Ecumenical Activity: M/S/P that EISCC put \$50.00 toward the Washington Assoc. of Churches/ Catholic Conference Legislative Conference. (See announcements below.)

Executive Committee's Report: 1) Discussed ways to expand membership. Each member was to invite one old and new member to this meeting. Also our mailings need to reach the social concerns groups in our churches. Each member of EISCC should see to it that this is so. Give any more addresses to Carla. 2) We need to pay more attention to all interfaith activity on the Eastside. Therefore a February meeting of representatives from all Eastside groups is recommended for an exchange of ideas and concerns. 3) The City of Bellevue is currently reviewing the city's response to human need. Harry Applewhite is on this committee. (See notes under NEW BUSINESS. 4) An Emergency Services meeting will be held today after the 12 November meeting to clarify objectives and cash flows. An Emergency Services Fund Committee is made up of Carla, Pat, Bill, Nadine in the company of Mary Ann.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Making A Difference, Legislative Conference, January 25, 1986, Executive Inn, Fife, Washington. A conference specifically designed to help church people examine issues facing the 1986 session of the Washington State Legislature. Also designed to help people learn of ways to influence legislation. More info: Washington Association of Churches, 4759 15th Ave. N.E., 525-1988. Cost per person: \$12.50.

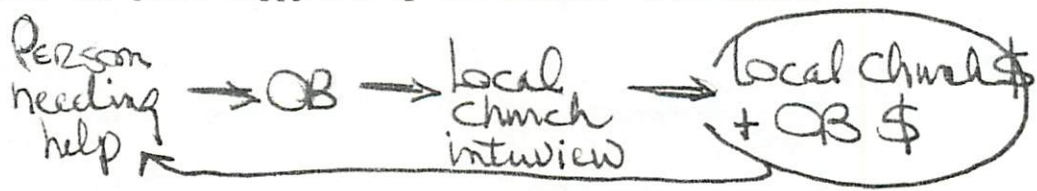
*Peace and Justice "Network" for 8th Congressional District, Renton, First United Methodist Church, December 9. More Info: Don Whitmore 773-7668.
 *KIN (Kirkland Interfaith Network) and KING TV project to show need on the Eastside, November 26 first meeting, 9:00 a.m. Contact: Karen Frankinberger, 821-4827.

(Announcements cont'd)

REPORTS

Operation Blessing, Richard Bray. Operation Blessing has been created as a direct needs outlet with Christian counselling of the 700 Club of the Christian Broadcasting Network. Money is contributed from the TV show (appeals). Pat Robinson determined that his Christian network should help the needy in 1978. This is how OB got its start. No funds are taken from the appeals for administration. The latter comes from membership fees in the 700 Club. Estimates of helped individuals in Western Wa. for 1984: 250,000.

OB is also designed to help smaller churches develop a social action agenda; it supplies resource people* and refers people in need to churches hoping to match the grant supplied by the church. Flow chart:



*The Union Gospel Mission will give food for any church wishing to start a feeding program other than a food bank (soup kitchen, etc.).

A new project was announced: Operation Warm Heart. Want to supply blankets for the homeless on seattle streets. Price of blanket is good-\$5.00 and Tyee Middle School is trying to purchase 1500 blankets. ^{price \$ per additional} (Full report is filed in the secretary's notebook which is brought to every meeting and any part will be copied upon request.)

OB also sponsoring a Crisis Pregnancy Center to "help young ladies keep their babies" at Crossroads Baptist Church. Call OB for more information.
 827-BLES

Overlake Service League, Kay King. Kay plus two 1/2 time staff work to help people "stay even". OSL formed in 1911 and helps families within the Bellevue School District. Current load: 100-120 families/month. Other requirement for help besides geography, a home visit. Funds supplies from the proceeds of the Overlake Service League Thrift Shop in Bell Square. Vouchers are also given to families to shop in the thrift shop. Baby to kid's clothing need the most. (All clothing, etc. is donated.) Shop no. 747-6777

Educational aid is given to Bellevue H.S. grads. This can be vocational or formal schooling. Aid amounts to 1000-1500 dollars per year. A new Kemper Freeman Sr. scholarship will go to a 3rd or 4th year student.

HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Harry Applewhite. The City Manager of Bellevue has appointed a committee made of 7 people from all walks of life-- church, business, etc.-- to examine what the City of Bellevue can do in the way of human services with so much federal and state withdrawal of aid. This Human Ser. Ad. Comm. will be meeting every 3 weeks (first meeting already occurred). To date, the city only gives block grant monies. Biggest problem: Where does one start?

M/S/P: A subcommittee was formed to develop a draft statement and circulate it to churches. The subcommittee will work to put together church input through Harry. SCommittee members to be: Mary Meda, Carla, Nadine, Walfred, with resource people-- Mary Ann, David Bloom, etc. First meeting, 25 Nov. Noon, Harry's church.

David Bloom announced that CCGS is putting together a social services directory with parish-based services only. Cost: \$3.00.

M/S/P: That EISCC foot all costs for the second emergency services page sent to all churches. Costs: @125.00 to CCGS.

EASTSIDE

Interfaith

SOCIAL CONCERNS

NEXT MEETING: 14 January

12 NOON

St. Margaret's Episcopal Church

Bring sack lunch--beverage provided

Meeting Minutes
10 December 1985

*You 12 min
quarterly*

Meeting was called to order by President Nadine Shannon

Members present: Nadine, Bill Hollingsworth, Dick Jacke, Bonnie King, Loyce Panoe, Betty Fisher, Walfred Erickson, Dorothy Shindler, Dennis Hughes, Lee Anne Knechtel, Pat Meehan, Geoff Ethelston, Tim Johnson, Ester Ross.

Associate Organizations present: Church Council Greater Seattle-David Bloom
East King Options- Elaine Carlson
Bellevue MultiService Center- Mary Ann Yglesias

IN-HOUSE BUSINESS

Minutes approved

Find enclosed a new "member roster".

REPORTS

St. Vincent de Paul, Pat Meehan.

St. Vincent's was founded 153 year ago in Paris by 6 students. In one year afterwards, 12 conferences were established. Today, St. Vincent's is international in scope with conferences in almost every country in the world. A conference is a Catholic parish organization with about 10-18 volunteers. There are 45 active conferences in the Seattle area including 450 volunteers. Overall, there are only 2 paid staff.

St. Vincent store s are separate from the conferences. But their profits support the work of the conferences (plus work for handicapped people).

All type of help/aid is given by the conferences. When help is requested, 2 members of a conference go out for a home visit. St. Vincent's helps all regardless of race, religious orientation, sex. St. Vincent's cooperates with other direct help organizations in the community when possible. It accepts no federal aid or United Way funds. 95% of all aid goes to non-Catholic people. Funds are also given from churches. Last year over 50,000 in kind contributions and 20,000 in cash.*

**List of Seattle funding
is available in
Secretary's notebook.*

Goals for future of EISCC (All members suggesting)

1. Membership. Nadine asked that we invite someone from another church to meetings. Check our congregations to see where work overlaps with other churches.

Dorothy Shindler suggested having an intro packet ready for visitors. David Bloom suggested using reprints of Walfred's recent articles on EISCC.

2. Communication across the community. Bill Hollingsworth recommended a quality publication which tells of what we do. Rev. Tim Johnson asked to be on this committee.

Nadine advocated meeting periodically with other church people in neighboring townships, cities. (See Executive meeting note in Dec. 10 minutes.) Connected with Intersevice Club Council through Walfred's attendance. City government involvement sealed through Harry Applewhite's participation on Human Service Advisory Committee. (See 10 December minutes, page 2)

Members asked to respond to 20/20 questionnaire for planning Bellevue's future.

- 3, Improve community response to need on weedends and evenings when the Bellelvue Food Bank is closed. Working with fire department is one suggestion.

Bill Hollingsworth reported from the committee assigned to help guide the Services Fund (Carla, Pat, Bill, Nadine, in the company of Mary Ann), that a letter be written by Bill Welch and Harry Applewhite to inform other pastors about double-dipping and suggesting support for the Bellevue Emergency Services Fund. (Packet about fund is available from Carla.)

Thank you to Dorothy Shindler for taking
minutes!