

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, JANUARY 13, 1998

NEXT PROGRAM: Legislative Issues during the 1998 Legislative Session. Moderated by Joy Pocasangre, EISCC Legislative Task Force Chairperson. Panelists include: the Rev. Geoff Ethelston, EISCC Past Chairperson, reporting on Clergy Advocacy Day; Beverly Goucher, EISCC Chairperson, reporting on the Washington Association of Churches legislative workshop; and the Rev. Rick Morris, Lake Washington Christian Church, consultant to Interfaith Alliance of Washington State. Tuesday, February 10, 1998, 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel Lounge (Room 315, former sanctuary, entered through the upper parking lot on NE 17th Street, off 100th Ave. NE), First Presby-terian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue.

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WELCOME AND PRAYER. Chairperson Beverly Goucher (206-232-1030) opened the meeting with prayer by Jim Palmer at 12:07 p.m., January 13, 1998, in the Chapel Lounge at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Twenty-eight persons were present.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present.

PROGRAM. Problems/Concerns of Elderly Persons in the Community. Shelley Noble, Multi-Service Center (425-747-4826), identified Bellevue as having one of the most rapidly growing senior (65+ years) populations in King County, having increased 98% in the past decade. Persons 75 or older have the highest rate (16%) of low income in King County. The Multi-Service Center has provided transportation, assistance with heating bills (along with the City of Bellevue), and food. She noted needs for non-citizens who have lost Supplemental Security Income support. There is a need for a continuum of affordable housing, and an increasing need for the food bank. A goal of her program is to assist people to remain in their homes, and to obtain needed services in the community. Wellness and recreation programs are provided through the city, and health care through such resources as the Rota-Care Clinic on Saturday mornings at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church. Noble noted that a nurse practitioner is present at the food bank.

Rowena Rye, Program Manager, Senior Director, Senior Rights Assistance Program for Senior Services (206-448-3110), works for a non-profit private agency which has 35 outreach sites, providing senior centers, adult day care, utility assistance, delivery of meals on wheels and of grocery items, and volunteer transportation.

Senior Information and Assistance emphasizes a variety of long-term care options, to assist persons to maintain their independence in the community. Senior Rights offers volunteer advocates, who make legal referrals if necessary, and provide consumer and health care information. The majority of clients are low- and middle-income. The agency also works with adult children, for example, of parents moving from out of state.

Brochures were provided for Friend to Friend, a program which trains volunteers to visit residents of nursing, assisted living, and retirement homes. (425-822-3584)

MINUTES of the December 9, 1997, meeting were approved as printed. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924).

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 425-747-2977) (Attached). Balance at the end of December was \$36,398. Catholic Community Services has been paid for services to Congregations for the Homeless in October. Contributions have been received for Congregations for the Homeless from congregations, individuals, and the Lockwood Foundation. A contribution from Bellevue Christian Church to the Emergency Services Fund will be forwarded to the Multi-Service Center. Palmer expressed gratitude for contributions. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Bellevue Emergency Services Fund report for 1997 was presented by the Multi-Service Center (Jennifer, 425-747-4826). EISCC contributions totaled \$19,671, or 70% of contributions to the fund. Largest categories of expenditures were: rent, 44%; Puget Sound Energy, 19%; gasoline (automobiles), 9%; and water, 7%; for a total of \$18,677.

TASK FORCES AND COMMITTEES.

Membership. (Betty Spohn, 425-451-3651). EISCC Update (news-letter), the Emergency Services Directory, and new brochures will be mailed this week. Spohn was thanked for reminder calls about EISCC meetings.

Legislative. (Joy Pocasangre, 425-747-0877). A survey concerning housing was provided, to be transmitted to A Regional Coalition for Housing. News items which she shared included announcements about legislative issues and media training. Members were reminded to contact their legislators by using the Legislative Hot Line (1-800-562-6000). Clergy Advocacy Day will be Wednesday, February 4; and Jewish Advocacy Day and Church Advocacy Day will be Thursday, February 19, all events in Olympia.

Human Services Collaborative Leadership. (Pam Toelle, 425-746-8659). A subcommittee is working with community clubs to develop pilot projects of interaction with children.a

Congregations for the Homeless. (Nadine Shannon, 425-746-6019). Jim Palmer was thanked for assistance with the United Way grant. Advance Bellevue! will name Congregations for the Homeless as the outstanding program of the year at a celebration of Best of Bellevue leadership on Monday, April 13 at the Wintergarden.

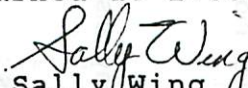
MSC to provide Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council mailing list to Advance Bellevue! for invitations to the April 13 event.

OTHER BUSINESS. None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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4. Economic Justice Forum, sponsored by the Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry, will present breakfasts on issues of social and economic justice at the Campion Tower on the Seattle University Campus. Speakers include: Sunny Kobe Cook, President and CEO of Sleep Country, USA, Tuesday, March 17, 1998, 7:15 - 8:30 a.m.; and Mike Flynn, Publisher, Puget Sound Business Journal, Tuesday, May 19, 1998, 7:15 - 8:30 a.m. Cost for each breakfast is \$12 including parking. Reservations: Eddie Salazar, Economic Justice Forum, c/o School of Theology and Ministry, Seattle University, Seattle, WA 98122. (206) 296-5330.
5. James Printz, Temple De Hirsch Sinai, noted the availability of grants from the Horwitz Foundation (Beverly Gray, 425-453-4295).

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.


Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF FUTURE PROGRAMS

March 10, 1998. Literacy programs on the Eastside.

April 14, 1998. Developing youths' assets.

May 12, 1998. Affordable Housing.

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

For month ended December 31, 1997

	General Fund	Congregations for Homeless	Employment Job Fair	Cultural Div/Racism	Housing Task Force	Project H-M Soup	Emergency Svc/Fund	Total
Fund balance, beginning 12/1/97	1,099	29,538	502	105	69	75	0	31,389
Receipts:								
Dues	225							225
Contributions-Congregations		4,865					700	5,565
Contributions-individuals	25	160						185
ESAP & FEMA funds credit		751						751
Lockwood Foundation grant		7,500						7,500
								0
								0
Miscellaneous	1							1
United Way pay outs		44						44
Interest	3	58						61
Total receipts	254	13,378	0	0	0	0	700	14,332
Disbursements:								0
Catholic Comm.Service-Oct.97 service		7,723						7,723
								0
Mailing permit								0
Postage & copies	117	38						156
								0
								0
Total disbursements	117	7,762	0	0	0	0	0	7,879
Ending balances - Dec. 31, 1997	1,236	35,155	502	105	69	75	700	37,842
Cash balances - Dec. 31, 1997								
Checking								1,443.44
Savings								36,398.30
Total								37,841.74

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MINUTES, FEBRUARY 10, 1998

NEXT PROGRAM: "Literacy programs on the Eastside." Betty Smith, Eastside Multi-Ethnic Center, will describe literacy work with refugees; and Alice Ferrier, executive director of the Eastside Literacy Council, will present a short videotape. Jim Frank or Scott Brower, of Rotary Club, will make a brief presentation on RotaCare, the free medical clinic sponsored by the Rotary Club and Overlake Hospital Medical Center on Saturday mornings at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church. Joy Pocasangre will make a brief report on legislation. Tuesday, March 10, 1998, 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel Lounge (Room 315, former sanctuary, entered through the upper parking lot on NE 17th Street, off 100th Ave. NE), First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue.

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WELCOME AND PRAYER. Chairperson Beverly Goucher (206-232-1030) opened the meeting with prayer by Al Bagley at 12:06 p.m., February 10, 1998, in the Chapel Lounge at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Nineteen persons were present.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present. Betty Smith announced that Eastside Multi-Ethnic Center is now operated by Jewish Family Services, following the bankruptcy of the Opportunities Industrialization Center.

PROGRAM. "Legislative Issues during the 1998 Legislative Session." Moderated by Joy Pocasangre, EISCC Legislative Task Force Chairperson. Panelists were: the Rev. Geoff Ethelston, EISCC Past Chairperson; Beverly Goucher, EISCC Chairperson; and the Rev. Dr. Rick Morse, Lake Washington Christian Church (Disciples), consultant to Interfaith Alliance of Washington State.

Reporting on the Washington Association of Churches legislative conference on January 24, Goucher noting a keynote address by the Rev. John Boonstra, WAC Executive Minister, briefing from legislative advocates, and several concurrent workshops. The Welfare Rights Organizing Coalition (206-324-3063), during a workshop, identified their position on several welfare-related legislative issues. She also noted an initiative campaign, the Paycheck Protection Act, to raise the minimum wage, including indexing to the Consumer Price Index.

Clergy Advocacy Day, for which Ethelston served as co-chair, occurred on February 4, in Olympia. Ethelston noted that 1998 is an election year for all state Representatives and one-half of the state Senators. Two District one legislators, Senator Rosemary McAuliffe, and Representative Al O'Brien, met with participating clergy, who expressed their support and appreciation for lawmakers who "cast their votes with the respect for religious diversity of our communities." These legislators emphasized the importance of electing "reasonable people" to office. The group also received briefings from several lobbyists, and expressed concern about politicizing of ethical issues. Ethelston noted the importance of contacting Governor Locke's office about concerns and raising questions about issues with candidates for office.

Morse reminded the group of our :common interests and beliefs concerning public policy." He noted that the radical religious right, which represents less than four per cent of Washington's population, has had a "disproportionate voice in public policy." He stated that Christian Coalition voters' guides are being challenged in federal courts as illegal to distribute in churches. He emphasized the importance of educating citizens, for example, using a "voting is a civic sacrament" poster. He identified the Interfaith Alliance (206-654-3468) as politically moderate, supporting religious freedom and opposed to discrimination of any kind. Voters' guides have been disseminated by direct mail, rather than in churches.

Pocasangre recommended that interested individuals obtain information, in order to connect their faith with social action. She reminded the audience that no one is allowed to campaign for elected office until after the legislative session has ended. She also reminded people of Church Advocacy Day on February 19, and encouraged participation on the Legislative Task Force.

MINUTES of the January 13, 1998, meeting were approved as corrected, with the substitution in two places on page 3 of the correct date, April 3, for the Advance Bellevue event. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924).

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 425-747-2977) (Attached). Balance at the end of January was \$39,728, which Palmer characterized as a healthy cash position. Catholic Community Services has billed for services to Congregations for the Homeless in November and December, not recorded on this statement. A contribution of \$275 has been received from St. Margaret's Episcopal Church for Project Home-Made Soups, and a grant of \$1,988 has been received from the City of Kirkland for Congregations for the Homeless. Palmer expressed gratitude for contributions. The treasurer's report was accepted.

TASK FORCES AND COMMITTEES.

Legislative. (Joy Pocasangre, 425-747-0877). Proposed amendments in Congress, viewed as weakening the Federal Fair Housing Act, were brought to the group's attention.

Human Services Collaborative Leadership. (Pam Toelle, 425-746-8659). A subcommittee is working with community clubs to develop pilot projects of interaction with children.a

Congregations for the Homeless. (Nadine Shannon, 425-746-6019). Jim Palmer and Terry Kimber have spoken with the Mercer Island Ministerial Association. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will be a support congregation for St. Thomas Episcopal Church. A grant of \$15,000 was recently approved at a King County Council meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS. None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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MINUTES, MARCH 10, 1998

NEXT PROGRAM: "Youth Asset-Building Forum." Sherrie Mill, Bellevue First United Methodist; Rob Beam, City of Bellevue Parks & Community Services; Rachel Allen, Church Council of Greater Seattle; and the Rev. Geoff Ethelston, Redeemer Episcopal Church, Kenmore. The panel will describe history, status, updates, models, and suggestions for church curriculum based on developmental assets. Joy Pocasangre will make a brief report on legislation. Tuesday, April 14, 1998, 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel Lounge (Room 315, former sanctuary, entered through the upper parking lot on NE 17th Street, off 100th Ave. NE), First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue.

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WELCOME AND PRAYER. Vie-Chairperson Terry Kimber (425-644-1729) opened the meeting with prayer by Jim French at 12:06 p.m., March 10, 1998, in the Chapel Lounge at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Twenty-nine persons were present.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present.

PROGRAM. "Literacy programs on the Eastside." Betty Smith, Eastside Multi-Ethnic Center (425-643-2221), described literacy work with refugees. The Center, which is now part of Jewish Family Service, is also supported by grants from Bellevue, Kirkland, Youth Eastside Services, and King County. They provide twice monthly Work First workshops for employment, and have an employment counselor to assist with job search and placement. They provide twice daily English as a Second Language classes, funded by the State, as well as weekly basic ESL classes and employment training in Kirkland.

Alice Ferrier, executive director of the Eastside Literacy Council (425-643-1912), accompanied by Nancy Parish, reported 621 students last year, including more than 400 whose first language is not English. She presented a short videotape, filmed during "Northwest Afternoon," depicting embarrassment and feelings of inadequacy of illiterate persons, unable to complete applications or read to themselves or others. An estimated 10% of Washington adults have skills below third grade, and one-third below eighth grade. The Council, with the aid of 400 volunteers, provides 25 weekly ESL classes on the Eastside.

Scott Brower, member of one of five local Rotary Clubs, made a brief presentation on RotaCare (425-828-4304), the free medical clinic sponsored by Rotary Clubs and Overlake Hospital Medical Center on Saturdays from 9:30 -11:30 a.m. at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church. The program is staffed by volunteer medical, social service, and interpretive persons. The local clinic currently serves each week by diagnosis and some medications about eight to twelve persons who do not qualify for other programs. The \$20,000 annual budget for medications and equipment is supported by contributions, and has an administrative council to oversee its functioning.

MINUTES of the February 10, 1998, meeting were approved as mailed. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924). Corrections are listed at the end of this report for the mailing list included with those minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 425-747-2977) (Attached). Balance at the end of February was \$39,720. Catholic Community Services has been paid for services to Congregations for the Homeless in November and December. Second notices for dues, which are past due, have been mailed, resulting in receipts of \$160. Grants have been received from St. Margaret's Thrift Shop and from cities of Bellevue, Issaquah, and Redmond. The treasurer's report was accepted.

TASK FORCES AND COMMITTEES.

Congregations for the Homeless. (Nadine Shannon, 425-746-6019). Nadine Shannon and Jim Palmer were thanked for their efforts resulting in an award from Advance Bellevue, to be presented on April 3. Also receiving awards will be EISCC members Karen Ridlon, Eastside Baby Corner; and Alicia Martinez, St. Louise Catholic Church.

Membership. (Betty Spohn, 425-451-3651). People new at this meeting will be included on the mailing list for the minutes. (See corrections at the end of this report).

OTHER BUSINESS. Terry Kimber (425-644-1729) noted a display of items made of fleece scraps and patterns, which are available for charitable purpose. Items made by a local sewing club have included baby booties for Eastside Baby Corner.


Patricia Anne Meehan, a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and active in EISCC as its treasurer for several years, died recently. Members who knew her signed a sympathy card to be sent to her family.

Hans Rasmussen (425-747-3780) announced that East Shore Unitarian Church will no longer have space after May 1 for League of Women Voters, and requested that persons who are aware of space telephone him.

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ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.


Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

CORRECTIONS TO MAILING LIST

Add: Glenda Estes (425-747-9640)
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
1421 - 177th Ave. NE
Bellevue, WA 98008

Karen Ridlon (425-965-0234)
Eastside Baby Corner
P.O. Box 712
Issaquah, WA 98027

Remove: David Bloom
Leo Hymas

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF FUTURE PROGRAMS

May 12, 1998. Affordable Housing.

June 8, 1998. Response to welfare reform.

July 14, 1998. Youth Eastside Services programs for youth.

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

For month ended February, 1998

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EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, APRIL 14, 1998

NEXT PROGRAM: "Affordable Housing in East King County." Speaker: Art Sullivan, Program Manager, A Regional Coalition for Housing, Tuesday, May 12, 1998, 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel Lounge (Room 315, former sanctuary, entered through the upper parking lot on NE 17th Street, off 100th Ave. NE), First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue.

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WELCOME AND PRAYER. Chairperson Beverly Goucher (206-232-1030) opened the meeting with prayer by Betty Spohn at 12:05 p.m., April 14, 1998, in the Chapel Lounge at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Thirty persons were present.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present.

PROGRAM. "Are We Short-Changing Our Kids?"

As followup to the May, 1997, EISCC program on developmental assets by Rob Beem, panelists presented assets as building blocks to support healthy children and youth. The Rev. Geoff Ethelston, Redeemer Episcopal Church, Kenmore, who introduced the program, referred to a Sufi saying about breaking through veils of health and wealth to become awake. Sherrie Mill, Bellevue First United Methodist, reported steps in developing a preventive curriculum, beginning with a congregational town meeting, and including explanations in the church newsletter, the minister introducing children at each worship service, providing mentors for confirmands, posting suggestions on restroom stall doors, providing a parenting class (Seraphim Communications, 1-800-733-3413), and developing a youth bulletin board.

Ann Lebec, St. Madeleine Sophie Roman Catholic Church, Bellevue, emphasized monthly community service outreach programs engendering a sense of social justice in junior and senior high youth, as adults work alongside them in such projects as preparing and serving a meal at an emergency shelter and assisting during the summer in a day care center for migrant workers.

Diane Melancon, First Congregational Church, Bellevue, noted her pastor's commitment to a "way of thinking," in which adults call children by name and activities, such as bell choir, are multigenerational rather than separated. In cooperation with the

Bellevue YMCA, a day care program and parenting classes are housed at the church, which also provides space for concerts and other community events.

Rob Beem, City of Bellevue Parks & Community Services (425-452-7687), requested teams of young people and adults to make a commitment to community projects, culminating on USA Weekend's "Make a Difference Day" on October 24. He noted local concerns, including depression, approval of drinking alcohol; and identified violence and drugs as major issues. He observed that young people do not know the extent to which adults care about them, and that the community needs to understand the importance of working together.

Rachel Allen, Church Council of Greater Seattle (206-525-1213), noted that the Americorps program, now in its fourth year, is developing neighborhood networks through which a community can demonstrate that it values youth. Academic skills and conflict resolution skills can be developed. Church Council of Greater Seattle is sending a survey to its member congregations about building assets, and hopes to recognize congregations for doing so.

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TASK FORCES AND COMMITTEES.

Employment. (Tony Copeland, 425-644-1420). He noted the gap between jobs and qualified applicants, the need for education, and the need to teach youth about the demands of the world of work. The employment program offers videotapes on resumes, interviews, etc., and continues to meet Thursday evenings, 7:00 p.m., at the Latter Day Saints church, 14536 Main Street (just west of 148th Avenue SE), Bellevue.

Congregations for the Homeless. (Nadine Shannon, 425-746-6019). Shannon displayed the award received from Advance Bellevue, sponsored by SeaFirst Bank and Puget Sound Energy, on April 3 for the best community partnership.

Membership. (Betty Spohn, 425-451-3651). Visitors and new members were welcomed.

Odyssey Channel. The spring schedule of Faith and Values programming on TCI Channel 21, between 4:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., was provided. Sally Wing encouraged members to contact TCI about expanding programming.

Legislative Task Force. Beverly Goucher quoted from the Washington Association of Churches newsletter summarizing action of the 1998 legislature, commenting on lack of adequate funding for children's and welfare issues, and anticipating several initiatives on the November ballot.

OTHER BUSINESS. None.

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7. Interfaith Alliance of Washington State -- East King County Affiliate will present a discussion, "What Has Affirmative Action Really Accomplished? The Pros and Cons," led by Tom Brune, Seattle Times reporter, on Wed., May 13, 7:30 - 9:00 a.m., (light breakfast) Holy Family Catholic Church, 7355 - 120th Ave. NE, Kirkland. (425-822-0295)

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Sally Wing
Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF FUTURE PROGRAMS

June 8, 1998. Response to welfare reform.

July 14, 1998. Youth Eastside Services programs for youth.

August, 1998. No meeting.

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Fund balance, beginning Mar. 1, 1998	1,212	37,482	502	105	69	350	0	39,720
Receipts:								
Dues	195							195
Contributions-Congregations		100						100
Contributions-individuals		75						75
Bellevue Overlake Rotary Club grant		500						500
United Way grant		2,874						2,874
								0
ESAP & FEMA grants		751						751
Interest	2	81						82
Total receipts	197	4,380	0	0	0	0	0	4,577
Disbursements:								0
Catholic Comm. Service-Jan.98 service		7,764						7,764
Filing fee - Sec. of State	10				10			20
								0
								0
Postage & copies	87	19						96
Total disbursements	77	7,783	0	0	10	0	0	7,870
Ending balances - Mar. 31, 1998	1,332	34,080	502	105	59	350	0	36,428
Cash balances - March 31, 1998								928.75
Checking								35,501.04
Savings								936,427.79
Total								

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MINUTES, MAY 12, 1998

NEXT PROGRAM: "The effect of welfare reform on homeless families."
Jan Dickerman, housing director, Northshore Multi-Service Center,
Bothell. Tuesday, June 9, 1998, 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. in the
Chapel Lounge (Room 315, former sanctuary, entered through the upper
parking lot on NE 17th Street, off 100th Ave. NE), First
Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue.

A nominating committee will be elected. Please come prepared
to nominate (with consent) yourself or someone else.

If you cannot be present, please send an alternate. Clergy, youth representatives, persons who work with youth or social ministry programs, and other lay persons are welcome. Please provide brief announcements in writing. Please include EISCC announcements in your congregational newsletter or bulletins.

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Chairperson Beverly Goucher (206-232-1030) opened the meeting with prayer by Dorothy Shindler at 12:06 p.m., May 12, 1998, in the Chapel Lounge at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Twenty-six persons were present.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present. Joy Pocasangre announced that Temple B'Nai Torah will be moving to Bellevue on Sunday, May 24. The covenant including St. Louise Catholic, Cross of Christ Lutheran, and Resurrection Episcopal churches will participate in the ceremony.

PROGRAM. "Affordable Housing in East King County." Speakers: Art Sullivan, Program Manager, A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH); Len Brannen, Shelter Resources; and Mark Thometz, Downtown Action to Save Housing (DASH).

ARCH is a coalition of cities in East King County, working on issues of affordable housing, for persons earning below median income. Activities include providing technical assistance, coordinating allocation of resources, and educating the community. City managers, mayors, and the County executive comprise its board. Projects funded between 1992 and 1997 include housing for families, seniors, homeless (transitional housing), and special needs, a total of 683 projects, costing \$5.8 million. City actions include land use policies and direct assistance. In King County multi-family housing developed during the last four years includes 1300 condos, of which 850 were not rental, but owner-occupied.

The 1992 Growth Management Act provided a mandate to deal with transportation and housing issues. Low income is defined as below 50% of median income, or \$59,000 for a family of four. Moderate income

is 80% of median income. The minimum wage is equivalent to \$12,000 per year. Forty per cent of households in King County are low or moderate income, often including seniors and single parents. Low and moderate income persons are likely to pay more than 35% of their income for housing, in contrast to 20% of persons who earn more than 120% of median income.

Brannen is a private developer, working in collaboration with public and non-profit organizations to create, for example, rental units for seniors. Tax credits for affordable housing have provided an impetus. DASH was created by the Bellevue Downtown Association. Thometz described the business community as seeking housing for employees closer to their work. Current challenges are locating developable land and determining support for local taxes.

MINUTES of the April 14, 1998, meeting were approved as mailed, with editorial correction of the date of the next meeting to June 9. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924).

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 425-747-2977) (Attached). Balance at the end of March was \$35,038. Catholic Community Services has been paid for services to Congregations for the Homeless in February. Grants were received from the cities of Redmond and Issaquah, as well as contributions from congregations and individuals. The treasurer's report was accepted.

TASK FORCES AND COMMITTEES.

Employment. (Tony Copeland, 425-644-1420). There are currently more jobs than applicants, particularly in service occupations. The employment program continues to meet Thursday evenings, 7:00 p.m., at the Latter Day Saints church, 14536 Main Street (just west of 148th Avenue SE), Bellevue.

Legislative Task Force. (Joy Pocasangre, 425-747-0877) Petitions are available for Initiative 688, the Paycheck Protection Act, to raise the minimum wage. Congregations for Kids will hold a planning meeting on May 20 for Good Start Back to School.

OTHER BUSINESS. None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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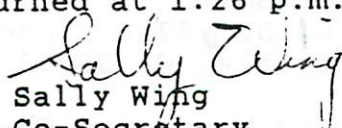
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6. Interfaith Alliance of Washington State -- East King County Affiliate will present these meetings: Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 14, 2:00 - 7:00 p.m., St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle; Initiative Night, discussion of November ballot measures, Wed., Sept. 16, 7:00 p.m., Temple B'Nai Torah, 15727 NE 4th Street, Bellevue; and Candidates' Night for State and Legislative District Candidates, King County Regional Library, Bellevue, 7:00 p.m. Information: Joy Pocasangre (425-757-0877).

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m.


Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

CORRECTIONS TO MAILING LIST

Add: Dr. Jeff Lewis, Jewish Family Service, Suite 210

Eastside Sexual Assault Center for Children, Suite 211

Jan Koberg, Youth Eastside Services

Gwen Lewis, (206) 232-2414

Jean Hanke
Aldersgate United Methodist
14576 Newport Way
Bellevue, WA 98006
(425) 641-3654

Pauline Williams
Aldersgate United Methodist
14633 SE Allen Road
Bellevue, WA 98006
(425) 747-5935

Congregation Emmaus, Attn: Cathy
515 - 116th Ave. NE, Suite 225
Bellevue, WA 98004
(425) 454-9958

Paul Osborne
Church of the Holy Cross (Episcopal)
16606 - 226th Avenue North
Woodinville, WA 98072
(425) 788-2717

Multifaith AIDS Project
1729 Harvard Avenue
Seattle, WA 98122

Ferrin Lauve
Habitat for Humanity & Redmond Assembly of God
16734 NE 91st Street
Redmond, WA 98052

Remove: Barbara Hunter, Youth Eastside Services

Change: EOC/Eastside Multi-Ethnic Center to Eastside Multi-Ethnic
Center/Jewish Family Services

13201 Betty Smith
13201 SE 72nd Place, # 201C
Newcastle, WA 98059

Evergreen Mennonite Church
15350 NE 202nd Avenue
Woodinville, WA 98072

Temple B'Nai Torah
15727 NE 4th Street
Bellevue, WA 98008

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF FUTURE PROGRAMS

July 14, 1998. Youth Eastside Services programs for youth.

August, 1998. No meeting.

September 8, 1998. Meals on Wheels on Eastside. Brainstorm future programs.

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

For month ended April 30, 1998

	General Fund	Congregations for Homeless	Employment Job Fair	Cultural Div/Racism	Housing Task Force	Project H-M Soup	Emergency Svc/Fund	Total
Fund balance, beginning April 1, 1998	<u>1,332</u>	<u>34,080</u>	<u>502</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>36,428</u>
Receipts:								
Dues	75							75
Contributions-Congregations		1,850					450	2,300
Contributions-individuals-(LDS members)		1,240						1,240
City of Redmond grant		1,250						1,250
City of Issaquah grant		625						625
United Way "negative" payout		125						125
								0
ESAP & FEMA grants		751						751
								0
Interest	<u>4</u>	<u>68</u>						<u>72</u>
Total receipts	<u>79</u>	<u>5,909</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>6,437</u>
Disbursements:								0
Catholic Community Service - Feb.98 svc.		7,747						7,747
P.O. box rental	40							40
								0
								0
								0
Postage & copies	<u>22</u>	<u>19</u>						<u>41</u>
Total disbursements	<u>62</u>	<u>7,766</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,828</u>
Ending balances - April 30, 1998	<u>1,349</u>	<u>32,222</u>	<u>502</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>35,038</u>
Cash balances - April 30, 1998								
Checking								953.85
Savings								<u>34,083.74</u>
Total								<u>\$35,037.59</u>

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EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, JUNE 9, 1998

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WELCOME AND PRAYER. Chairperson Beverly Goucher (206-232-1030) opened the meeting with prayer by Barbara Smith at 12:05 p.m., June 9, 1998, in the Chapel Lounge at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Twenty persons were present.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present.

PROGRAM. "The effect of welfare reform on homeless families." Speaker: Jan Dickerman, housing director, Northshore Multi-Service Center, Bothell. Emergency shelter for three weeks includes case management, clothing, mental health counseling, parenting class, and transitional housing search assistance. The agency also provides transportation by van, vouchers for child care, financial assistance, and community voice mail. Transitional housing for families is provided by a coalition which includes Catholic Community Services, Friends of Youth, and Indian Housing Center. Most client families are employed, and 12 are turned away for every one served. A child care center in Bellevue will benefit from local support to open by March, 1999. Dickerman noted the necessity for work and the five-year lifetime benefit established by federal legislation. The Family Development Program, previously described by Shelly Noble of the Bellevue Multi-Service Center, includes four family development specialists, who work with community partners toward a goal of self-sufficiency, and will be expanded to other sites. A county-wide nine-month community jobs program assists those who have not found employment to obtain part-time jobs in agencies and school districts. A child care center serves families in transitional housing, and provides health care and extended hours for working parents. Dickerman indicated willingness to provide information on volunteer opportunities in the agency's programs.

COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE SIGNUP. (Michael Johnson (425-747-4450) Members were urged to express interest in participation in task forces and committees.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE. MSC to name Terry Kimber, Barbara Smith, and Geoff Ethelston to a nominating committee, to report their slate in September for October election.

MINUTES of the May 12, 1998, meeting were approved as mailed, with editorial correction in the treasurer's report on page 2 that the balance reported was for the end of April. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924).

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 425-747-2977) (Attached). Balance at the end of May was \$39,252. Catholic Community Services has been paid for services to Congregations for the Homeless in March. Grants were received for Congregations for the Homeless from the cities of Bellevue and Kirkland and the P.N. Best & Co.; and contributions from congregations and individuals. A contribution to the Emergency Services Fund will be forwarded to the Multi-Service Center. The treasurer's report was accepted.

TASK FORCES AND COMMITTEES.

Legislative Task Force. (Joy Pocasangre, 425-747-0877) She noted the importance of contacting local legislators, who need to be aware of our needs.

Congregations for the Homeless. (Nadine Shannon 425-746-6019). She thanked all who had shared information in her absence, and provided housing and support for the program. She also expressed appreciation for many individual contributions.

OTHER BUSINESS. Palmer announced that a sound system will be provided for this meeting room. The executive committee was asked to include the next program on the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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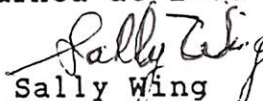
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7. August 16 will be pickup day for school supplies and clothing for the Good Start Back to School sponsored by Congregations for Kids, and Boeing and Microsoft will match contributions. Bellevue Schools Foundation will accept contributions, which can also be forwarded from congregations. Information: Joy Pocasangre (425-757-0877). Dorothy Shindler (425-455-1864) can provide information on Kids at the Crossroads, which will have a similar drive for children at Lake Hills School.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.


Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF FUTURE PROGRAMS

August, 1998. No meeting.

September 8, 1998. Meals on Wheels on Eastside. Brainstorm future programs.

October 13, 1998. Agency presentations/displays about holiday season/winter needs. Finger food luncheon provided by the Executive Committee. Election of officers.

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

For month ended May 31, 1998

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Fund balance, beginning May 1, 1998								
Receipts:								10
Dues	10							627
Contributions-Congregations	25	602						390
Contributions-individuals		390						7,554
City of Bellevue grant		7,554						2,863
City of Kirkland grant		2,863						200
P.N.Best & Co. grant		200						0
								751
ESAP & FEMA grants		751						0
								75
Interest	<u>4</u>	<u>71</u>						<u>12,469</u>
Total receipts	<u>39</u>	<u>12,430</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Disbursements:								7,677
Catholic Community Service - Mar.98 svc.		7,677					450	450
Remit to Emergency Service Fund								0
								0
								0
								128
Postage & copies	<u>100</u>	<u>28</u>						<u>8,254</u>
Total disbursements	<u>100</u>	<u>7,705</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>39,252</u>
Ending balances - May 31, 1998	1,288	36,948	502	105	59	350	0	
Cash balances - May, 1998								954.08
Checking								38,298.04
Savings								\$39,252.12
Total								

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EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, JULY 14, 1998

NEXT PROGRAM: September 8, 1998. "Approaches to meeting community needs for food and clothing": Paul Lacine, Meals on Wheels on Eastside; Joan Abel, St. Margaret's Thrift Shop. Brainstorm future programs: ideas are welcome from all participants. Tuesday, September 8, 1998, 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel Lounge (Room 315, former sanctuary, entered through the upper parking lot on NE 17th Street, off 100th Ave. NE), First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue.

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Note that there is no meeting in August, 1998.

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SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present.

PROGRAM. "How Youth Eastside Services (YES) and the community can provide services for young people." Patti Skelton, executive director, noted that she has worked with children and families in Seattle, as well as on the Eastside. YES, a non-profit organization, is currently serving children, some as young as six, where they are, less frequently in their building, responding to increasing needs in schools, community centers, and teen centers. YES, in partnership with other organizations, can connect a young person with several different services. The SUCCESS program matches a volunteer mentor with a student for a one-year commitment. Youth also volunteer in community centers, where they serve as role models. Issues with which YES is dealing include suicide, self-harm, alcohol and other drugs, gangs, and violence. YES staff contributed to an article in the current Seventeen about youth violence. Among its services, YES provides groups for parents to drop in and ask questions. Its services for gay and lesbian youth have reached out to those who lack other resources. Skelton commended the Developmental Assets program as an important focus.

COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE SIGNUP. (Michael Johnson (425-747-4450) provided an opportunity for members to express interest in participation in task forces and committees.

MINUTES of the June 9, 1998, meeting were approved as mailed. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924).

TREASURER'S REPORT. (In the absence of Jim Palmer, 425-747-2977, Nadine Shannon, 425-746-6019, presented the report.) (Attached). Balance at the end of June was \$42,178. Catholic Community Services has been paid for services to Congregations for the Homeless in April. Grants were received for Congregations for the Homeless from King County and the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia; and contributions from congregations. The treasurer's report was accepted.

TASK FORCES AND COMMITTEES.

Nominating Committee. Terry Kimber, Barbara Smith, and Geoff Ethelston will report their slate in September for October election.

Employment. (Tony Copeland, 425-644-1420). Information is available to assist persons to upgrade position.

Newsletter. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924). The next issue will be published in mid-September, with a deadline of August 20 for information.

OTHER BUSINESS. General discussion about EISCC programming included reference to the Emergency Services Directory for clothing, housing, and other resources. Resources suggested for questions about anger and violence included Youth Eastside Services, Eastside Mental Health, Mercer Island Youth Services, Children's Response Center (formerly Eastside Sexual Assault Center for Children), media, police departments, and schools.

In order to include people who cannot attend daytime meetings, an occasional evening meeting was suggested.

To provide further information about EISCC, emphasis on achievements in both the EISCC newsletter and church newsletters was recommended. Invitations to specific EISCC programs can be made to clergy and outreach persons in particular. Widespread distribution of brochures and the Emergency Services Directory was noted, along with questions about expanding awareness of EISCC.

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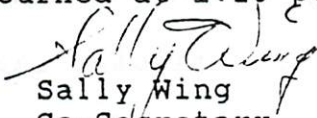
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6. United Way of King County Day of Caring will take place Friday, September 25. For information about this opportunity for workplace volunteer involvement in the community, call (206) 461-3777.

7. Church Council of Greater Seattle Task Force for Children, Youth, and Families will provide a training program, "People of faith building vibrant communities for children, youth, and families, Sat., Oct. 17. Information: (206-525-1213).

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.


Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF FUTURE PROGRAMS

October 13, 1998. (12:00 - 2:00 p.m.) Agency presentations/displays about holiday season/winter needs. Finger food luncheon provided by the Executive Committee (no reservations needed). Election of officers.

November 10, 1998. All congregations are encouraged to present a report of a specific program, such as outreach/social action or intergenerational. Please choose one of these options for a five-minute report and a one-page written handout:

- A. Intergenerational programs. Focus on developmental assets in youth.
- B. Impact of welfare reform on your congregational programs.
- C. Outreach to ethnic communities.
- D. Special outreach program of your congregation.
- E. Innovative outreach/social action program of your congregation, new or in collaboration with other congregation.]

December 8, 1998. Focus on schools.

CORRECTIONS TO MAILING LIST

Add: Clyde Bell
Church of the Resurrection (Episcopal)
12134 SE 13th Street
Bellevue, WA 98005
(425) 641-7272

Kathy McLean
Aldersgate Methodist Church
4719 - 150th Place SE
Bellevue, WA 98006
(425) 643-4781

Remove: Donn Franklin, Church of the Resurrection (Episcopal)

Jeanne Hanke and Pauline Williams.
Aldersgate Methodist Church

Corrections: Dorothy Shindler (425-455-1864)

Salvation Army
new mailing address: P.O. Box 749
Bellevue, WA 98009
new location: 355-A Kirkland Ave.
Kirkland, WA 98033

Children's Response Center (new name for Eastside Sexual
Assault Center for Children)

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

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Receipts:								
Dues	25							25
Contributions-Congregations		1,100						1,100
Contributions-individuals								0
Episcopal Diocese of Olympia		4,700						4,700
King County grant		4,089						4,089
								0
								0
ESAP & FEMA grants		751						751
								0
Interest	<u>4</u>	<u>85</u>						<u>89</u>
Total receipts	<u>29</u>	<u>10,725</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,754</u>
Disbursements:								0
Catholic Comm. Svc.-April98 svc.		7,680						7,680
Remit to Emergency Service Fund								0
								0
								0
								0
Postage & copies	<u>53</u>	<u>95</u>						<u>148</u>
Total disbursements	<u>53</u>	<u>7,775</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,828</u>
Ending balances - June 30, 1998	1,264	39,898	502	105	59	350	0	42,178
<u>Cash balances - June 30, 1998</u>								
Checking								981.41
Savings								<u>41,196.80</u>
Total								\$42,178.21

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EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 8, 1998

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PROGRAM. "Approaches to meeting community needs for food and clothing."

Jennifer Cole-Wilson, Multi-Service Center (425-747-4826) reported on the Bellevue Emergency Services Fund (BESF). Between January 1 and August 15, 1998, EISCC members contributed \$11,968, or 79% of contributions to the Fund. Expenditures of \$27,358 were made for rent, utilities, water, gasoline (automobiles), and motel occupancy. She noted that the agency (MSC) has assisted 30% more clients than in 1997.

Paul Lacine, Intake Specialist for Meals on Wheels on Eastside, a program of Senior Services (206)448-5767, described the program as providing temporary or permanent meals for persons over 60 who are homebound permanently or temporarily, primarily in the Seattle/King County area. A donation is requested of persons who are financially able or who are care providers. There are 30 different meals and five breakfast, as well as a liquid nutritional supplement for persons unable to eat regular food. Flash-frozen previously cooked meals are prepared by a caterer. Volunteer drivers are primarily retired persons, who deliver meals once a week in a specific geographic area. (More are currently needed in Issaquah). More than 10,000 meals have been delivered to Bellevue, Issaquah, Kirkland, Mercer Island, and Redmond so far this year. Funding

includes government grants, United Way, and donations. Overhead costs are between six and seven per cent.

Joan Abel, Manager, St. Margaret's Thrift Shop (425-641-6830), noted that the program was begun in 1977 by a group of church women, and currently has 76 active volunteers, nearly all members of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Bellevue, and also some students from nearby Newport High School. Clothing and household items are given to people referred by community agencies. Of donations, 50% are from the community. Last year, \$90,000 was returned to the community, based on the board decision in response to need. Hours are 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Monday - Saturday; except 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., Wednesday.

Nominating Committee. Geoff Ethelston presented the slate for October election, at which time nominations may also be made from the floor. Other committee members are Terry Kimber and Barbara Smith.

Co-chairpersons: John Waltner, Terry Kimber
Vice-chairperson: Glenda Estes
Co-secretaries: Gwen Lewis, Michael Johnson
Treasurer: Jim Palmer
Assistant Treasurer: Louise Wong
Member-at-Large: Dorothy Scott

Brainstorm future programs. Geoff Ethelston presented a brief history of EISCC, begun in the 1970s, with the constitution written in 1985 and revised in 1990, 1995, and 1997. The group then identified current needs and suggested means of responding to them. (Results are presented separately, following these minutes.)

COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE SIGNUP. (Michael Johnson (425-747-4450) provided an opportunity for members to express interest in participation in task forces and committees.

MINUTES of the July 14, 1998, meeting were approved as mailed. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924).

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 425-747-2977) (Attached). Balance at the end of August was \$54,471. Catholic Community Services has been paid for services to Congregations for the Homeless in May, and payments were also made for liability insurance and trailer license tabs. Grants were received for Congregations for the Homeless from the cities of Bellevue, Kirkland, Issaquah, and Redmond; and from United Way, St. Margaret's Thrift Shop, and King County. Contributions were also received from congregations and individuals. The treasurer's report was accepted.

TASK FORCES AND COMMITTEES.

Newsletter. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924). Items were requested as soon as possible for the next issue, to be published in late September or early October.

Legislative Task Force. (Joy Pocasangre, 425-747-0877). She noted that the Interfaith Alliance is holding discussion of issues on the November ballot, and that the Children's Alliance has prepared written information. Members were urged to register and vote.

Congregations for the Homeless. (Nadine Shannon, 425-746-6019). With one or two exceptions, there have been more bed-nights each month than in 1997. The City of Redmond has agreed to maintain its grant. Jim Palmer noted that the City of Bellevue has offered home rehabilitation loans for low- and moderate-income persons.

OTHER BUSINESS.

There was a request to place business prior to programs on the agenda. [The Executive Committee on December 11, 1997, agreed on this order: Prayer, Introductions, Program, Minutes, Finances, Task Forces/Committees, Announcements, and other Business.]

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. Brief written notices of events in your congregation or organization about three or four months ahead, for which you encourage participation by the community, can be included in the minutes. Please include name and telephone number of contact person and/or sponsoring organization.
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3. "The School Zone" is a regular presentation on Channel 55 by the Bellevue School District. Programs which provide information about curriculum, student activities, etc. are broadcast on Tuesdays, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., and Fridays, 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. A current program guide is available by calling 425-456-4000.
4. Utilities assistance is offered by the City of Bellevue for eligible low-income senior citizens and disabled persons. For information, call 425-452-5285.
5. Interfaith Alliance of Washington State -- East King County Affiliate will present Local Candidates Night on Sunday, Oct, 18, 7:00 p.m., Bellevue Senior Center, 4063 - 148th Ave. NE, Bellevue. Information: Joy Pocasangre (425-757-0877).

6. Church Council of Greater Seattle Task Force for Children, Youth, and Families will provide a training program, "Recruiting Dream Teams: People of faith building vibrant communities for children, youth, and families," Sat., Oct. 17, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church, 6512 - 23rd Avenue NW, Ballard. Information: Tim Phillips (206-525-1213, ext. 4700).
7. Vision Northwest, a partnership between World Vision and the Northwest Leadership Foundation, provides such gifts as Bible stories, used carpeting, and birthday gifts to non-profit organizations. Information: Kelly Wadsworth (253-815-2335).
8. Boeing Blue Bills, a retired people's organization, offers to non-profit organizations such supplies as children's clothing, books, and toys. Information: Ken Willard (206-544-5496 or 425-255-0394).
9. Children's Alliance will present "Nonprofits can lobby: What does the law allow?" on Tuesday, October 20, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church, 172 - 20th Avenue, Seattle 98122. Fee: \$20 for non-members. Information: Steve Lansing (206-324-0340).
10. "Shape King County's Future: An Opportunity for Citizens." Citizens are invited to public forums to help create a list of conditions they value or want to see happen in the county and indicators to measure the county's status. Wed., Oct. 14, 7:15 - 9:00 p.m., Mount Si Senior Center, 411 Main Ave. S., North Bend; Wed., Oct. 21, 7:00 - 9:15 p.m., Mount Baker Community Club, 2811 Mt. Rainier Drive South, Seattle; and Thurs., Oct. 22, 7:00 - 9:15 p.m., Kent Senior Center, 600 E. Smith, Kent. Information: Lee Hatcher (206-622-3522).

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.


Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF FUTURE PROGRAMS

November 10, 1998. All congregations are encouraged to present a report of a specific program, such as outreach/social action or intergenerational. Please choose one of these options for a five-minute report and a one-page written handout:

- A. Intergenerational programs. Focus on developmental assets in youth.
- B. Impact of welfare reform on your congregational programs.
- C. Outreach to ethnic communities.
- D. Special outreach program of your congregation.
- E. Innovative outreach/social action program of your congregation, new or in collaboration with other congregation.]

December 8, 1998. "What can EISCC do about community concerns?"
Followup discussion of September brainstorming.

January 12, 1999. Focus on schools.

CORRECTIONS TO MAILING LIST

Change: Alicia Martinez
4850 - 156th Ave. NE, # 120
Redmond, WA 98052
(425) 861-7787

Attn: Carol Mullin Remove Dr. Jeff Lewis
Jewish Family Services
1601 - 16th Ave.
Seattle, WA 98122

Remove: Tony and Marian Copeland.

Add. Charles Matheiu
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
3155 - 108th Ave. SE
Bellevue, WA 98004
(425) 451-9673

Kay Studer
c/o Consejo
Eastgate Public Health Building
14350 Eastgate Way
Bellevue, WA 98007
(206) 296-4940, ext. 33821#

	General Fund	Congregations for Homeless	Employment Job Fair	Cultural Div/Racism	Housing Task Force	Project H-M Soup	Emergency Svc/Fund	Total
Fund balance, beginning July 1, 1998	1,264	39,898	502	105	59	350	0	42,178
Receipts:								
Dues	50							50
Contributions-Congregations		1,200						1,200
Contributions-Individuals	25	1,023					36	1,084
City of Bellevue		7,554						7,554
City of Kirkland		2,057						2,057
Cities of Issaquah, Redmond		1,875						1,875
United Way grant		2,100						2,100
King County grant		2,726						2,726
ESAP & FEMA grants		751						751
St. Margaret's Thrift Shop		2,000						2,000
Interest	0	178						183
Total receipts	81	21,464	0	0	0	0	36	21,580
Disbursements:								
Catholic Comm. Svc. - May 98 svc		7,969						7,969
Liability insurance premium		1,122						1,122
Trailer license tabs		99						99
								0
								0
Postage & copies	40	58						98
Total disbursements	40	9,247	0	0	0	0	0	9,287
Ending balances - Aug. 31, 1998	1,305	52,114	502	105	59	350	36	54,471

Cash balances - Aug. 31, 1998

Checking	850.57
Savings	53,620.41
Total	\$54,470.98

BRAINSTORMING ABOUT FUTURE PROGRAMS

Needs identified by the group included:

- housing (affordable), homelessness
- liveable income
- young people: youth, children, young adults
- older people
- single-parent families
- political action: justice issues
- coalition-building
- food and clothing
- health care/mental health care
- nursing homes: worship
- parenting skills
- violence: anger management

Suggested organization (by Paul Osborne):

- what needs?
- methods of meeting needs?
- programs?
- who does it?

Previous listing of priority issues by EISCC (early 1990s):

- hunger
- cross-cultural relationships
- health care/mental health
- liveable income/employment
- housing/homelessness
- families in crisis

(For each issue, the group responded to each of these questions:

1. Current status of the issue> Who's affected? What are the trends?
2. Eastside groups currently working on the issue
3. Policy implications. What public decisions and private actions need to happen to improve situation?
4. What should EISCC's role be in working on the issue?)

East Urban Human Service Providers' Needs Ranking (1-28-98)

1. Affordable housing for disabled adults, seniors, working poor, and homeless
2. Affordable and accessible medical and dental care
3. Increased demand for basic needs and survival services
4. Increased number of jobs with livable wages and benefits
5. Affordable, quality child care
6. Improved parenting skills, family support and increased involvement of youth with positive role models
7. Improve quality of public education
8. Reduced domestic violence
9. Adult literacy

10. Increased job training and employment assistance
11. Better public transportation and reduced congestion
12. Increased activities and services for children and youth
13. Reduced crime, violence, and juvenile delinquency
14. Increased services to people with disabilities
15. Mental illness or emotional problems
16. Increased emergency shelter
17. Reduced drug and alcohol abuse
18. Child neglect and physical abuse
19. Increased school completion rate
20. Increased access to legal assistance
21. Reduced teen pregnancy rate
22. Increased demand for senior services
23. More culturally sensitive and multi-lingual services
24. Increased counseling and support for victims of sexual assault and rape
25. Strengthening community identity
26. Improved information and familiarity with crisis and community information lines
27. Support for gay youth

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, OCTOBER 13, 1998

NEXT PROGRAM: November 10, 1998, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Chapel Lounge
Congregational Outreach/Social Action or Intergenerational Programs
(Room 315, former sanctuary, entered through the upper parking lot
on NE 17th Street, off 100th Ave. NE), First Presbyterian Church,
1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue.

Guests are welcome. If you cannot be present, please send an alternate. Clergy, youth representatives, persons who work with youth or social ministry programs, and other lay persons are especially invited. Please provide brief announcements in writing. Please include EISCC announcements in your congregational newsletter or bulletins, and share information with your clergy and your Social Action or Outreach committees.

Congregational representatives: please choose one of these options for a five-minute report and a one-page written handout:

- A. Intergenerational programs. Focus on developmental assets in youth.
- B. Impact of welfare reform on your congregational programs.
- C. Outreach to ethnic communities.
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WELCOME AND PRAYER. Chairperson Beverly Goucher (206-232-1030) opened the meeting with prayer by Joy Pocasangre at 12:15 p.m., October 13, 1998, in the Chapel Lounge at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Forty-one persons were present.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present.

PROGRAM. "Agency presentations/displays about holiday season/winter needs."

Eastside Baby Corner. Karen Ridlon, President (425-865-0234)

The agency collects, sorts, and distributes through service providers everything children use, from before birth to age 12. They prepare layettes, as well as bags of clothing, toys, and stuffed animals; and have a birthday toy bank. During the holiday season they appreciate assistance with gathering goods and having donation trees.

Habitat for Humanity. Jean Ann French, Manager of Resource Development (425-869-6007)

They have just completed five duplexes near Overlake Park Presbyterian Church, and plan to build on former Coast Guard property in Redmond, seeking more coalitions of congregations and

businesses to build each house. They provide alternative giving, sending a gift card to recognize donations in the recipient's name. Study guides for an adult class are available for "Theology of the Hammer." They will distribute information about a Vacation Bible School program.

Jewish Family Services. Carol Mullin (206-461-3240)

A food bank is available once a month and also at Thanksgiving at their day school in Bellevue, for current JFS clients. A matching gift program for Hanukah matches donors with recipients such as children and persons with disabilities. They offer education programs including potential conflicts about Christmas.

Mentor Health Northwest. Terri Morrill, Coordinator of Volunteers and Interns (425-827-9100)

Formerly Eastside Mental Health, this agency seeks volunteers for a holiday giving program for families and seniors. Their services include counseling, rehabilitation, partial hospitalization, substance abuse treatment, and a variety of educational programs.

Multi-Faith AIDS Project (MAPS). Trudy James, Care Team Consultant (206-324-2216)

The program, supported by congregations, provides shelter in four residences, where many need holiday gifts. Care teams are needed to serve isolated families or individuals, including seven to ten people from a congregation. They also provide support groups and healing services for people affected by HIV/AIDS.

Multi-Service Center. Jennifer Cole-Wilson, Volunteer Coordinator (425-747-4826)

Non-perishable food is welcomed for weekly food banks, as well as additional banks for holiday food. Also needed are toiletries, paper goods such as plates and napkins, soap, and foil cooking pans. Gifts are needed for families who can "shop" for them. A toy drive can be done in the form of a giving tree. Volunteers are needed to assist in food banks and gift rooms and to receive donations.

Salvation Army. Lt. Ken Perine, Pastor and Corps Officer (425-827-1766)

Social services at Christmas include food, grocery gift certificates, and toys, although services are provided throughout the year. Volunteers are needed to assist with Christmas kettles, which have been used since 1890. Unwrapped toys and food are needed, as well as volunteers to adopt a family.

Volunteer Chore Services (Catholic Community Services). (425-643-1937) Lisa Yeager (206-328-5647)

Chores and home repairs can assist seniors or disabled persons to remain in their homes. Shoebox of Joy is a holiday project providing toiletries, facial tissue, etc. Volunteer families are needed to "adopt" persons to visit or invite for a holiday visit.

Children's Response Center. (formerly Eastside Sexual Assault Center for Children) Beverly Jacobson, Board Member. Mary Ann Carlson, Volunteer Coordinator (425-688-5130)

Clients include children who have been abused, as well as those who have observed other traumatic events, for whom medical and legal advocacy have been added to clinical services. The Bellevue Philharmonic performance of Handel's "Messiah" December 12-13 at the Meydenbauer Center will devote 10% of its profits to this agency. Suggested gifts include gifts for families and holiday decorations. Holiday cards based on children's drawings will be available at the concert, and can be purchased to recognize donations in the recipient's name.

Christmas in April*Eastside. Beverly Goucher, St. Thomas Episcopal Church Member. (425-455-0179)

Home repair services are provided for low-income elderly or disabled persons. Names of applicants are requested, as well as volunteers to provide services during April.

COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE SIGNUP. (Michael Johnson (425-747-4450) provided an opportunity for members to express interest in participation in task forces and committees.

MINUTES (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924) of the September 8, 1998, meeting were approved as corrected, changing a typographical error in the first full paragraph on page 2 so that the sentence reads: "Last year, \$90,000 was returned to the community ... [by St. Margaret's Thrift Shop]."

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 425-747-2977) (Attached). Balance at the end of September was \$52,992. Catholic Community Services has been paid for services to Congregations for the Homeless in June, and grant payments were received from United Way and King County. Contributions were also received from congregations and individuals. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Election of Officers. MSC that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the slate presented by the Nominating Committee:

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Vice-chairperson: Glenda Estes

Co-secretaries: Gwen Lewis, Michael Johnson

Treasurer: Jim Palmer

Assistant Treasurer: Louise Wong

Member-at-Large: Dorothy Scott

TASK FORCES AND COMMITTEES.

Newsletter. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924). The current issue will be published during the next two weeks. Contributions were requested for the next newsletter, early in 1999.

Legislative Task Force. (Joy Pocasangre, 425-747-0877). She distributed a notice by the Interfaith Alliance of a candidates' night, and statements about initiatives and a referendum on the November ballot. She reminded the group that people of faith can take a stand on issues, but congregations can not advocate for candidates. Pocasangre can provide information on other issues.

Employment Task Force. New representatives are Bud and Betsy Mathieu, Stake Employment Specialists (425-451-9673). A new LDS employment office in the Bellevue Stake Building, 14536 Main Street (across from K-Mart Plaza), is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:30 - 8:30 p.m. (closed for dinner from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.) (425-747-4250).

Congregations for the Homeless. (Nadine Shannon, 425-746-6019). A grant has been received from the City of Bellevue, and others are in process. Volunteer grant-writers are needed.

Diversity Task Force. (Alicia Martinez, 425-861-7787) Volunteers are requested for brainstorming.

OTHER BUSINESS.

MSC to supply Salvation Army with the EISCC mailing list for a one-time holiday mailing.

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4. Utilities assistance is offered by the City of Bellevue for eligible low-income senior citizens and disabled persons. For information, call 425-452-5285.
5. Contributions to the "EISCC Bellevue Emergency Services Fund" can be mailed to Multi-Service Center/Bellevue, 2253 - 140th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA 98005-1819. Be sure to make your check payable to the Multi-Service Center and to identify the purpose of your contribution.

ADJOURNMENT. Thanks were extended to presenters. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF FUTURE PROGRAMS

December 8, 1998. "What can EISCC do about community concerns?"
Followup discussion of September brainstorming.

January 12, 1999. Housing.

February 9, 1999. Focus on schools.

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

For the month ended Sept. 30, 1998

	General Fund	Congregations for Homeless	Employment Job Fair	Cultural Div/Racism	Housing Task Force	Project H-M Soup	Emergency Svc/Fund	Total
Fund balance, beginning Sept. 1, 1998	1,305	52,114	502	105	59	350	36	54,471
Receipts:								0
Dues								0
Contributions-Congregations		1,300						1,300
Contributions-individuals		355						355
King County grant		2,726						2,726
United Way grant		1,050						1,050
								0
								0
ESAP & FEMA grant		751						751
								0
Interest	4	102						106
								0
Total receipts	4	6,283	0	0	0	0	0	6,288
Disbursements:								0
Catholic Comm. Svc.- June 98 svc		7,666						7,666
Emergency Svc. Fund - remit							36	36
								0
								0
								0
Postage & copies	64							64
								0
Total disbursements	64	7,666	0	0	0	0	36	7,766
Ending balances - Sept. 30, 1998	1,244	50,732	502	105	59	350	0	52,992

Cash balances - Sept. 30, 1998

Checking

Savings

Total

739.62

52.252.66

\$52,992.28

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

P.O Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662

Minutes of November 10, 1998

NEXT PROGRAM will be What can EISCC do about Community Concerns?, A Follow-up to the brainstorming discussion of the September meeting, to be facilitated by Paul Osborne. Opening Prayer by Carol Meisels, 277-5005.

Tuesday, December 8th, 1998, 12:00 noon to 1:30PM in the Chapel Lounge (Room 315, former sanctuary, entered through the upper parking lot on NE 17th Street, off 100th Ave. NE), First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue.

If you cannot be present, please send an alternate. Clergy, youth representatives, persons who work with youth or social ministry programs, and other lay persons are welcome. Please provide brief announcements in writing. Please include EISCC announcements in your congregational newsletter.

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Meeting opened at 12:05 PM, Chaired by Terry Kimber, 425-644-1729. John Waltner, 425-869-4151, led the opening prayer. 31 persons were present.

THANKS. Nadine Shannon, 425-746-6019, presented outgoing officers Beverly Goucher and Sally Wing with certificates of appreciation.

Jim Palmer, 425-747-2977, received thanks for completing Review of Financial Statement.

PROGRAM: CONGREGATION REPORTS

Congregational outreach/social action programs and inter-generational programs. Congregational representatives were asked to present a five-minute report and a one page written handout on special or innovative outreach/social action programs.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, Terry Kimber, 425-644-1729

Explained some church terminology, ward as congregation and stake as group of congregations, etc. She outlined their outreach strategy: this year's theme for their ward is "self-reliance".

EVERGREEN MENNONITE CHURCH, John Waltner, 425-869-4151

They have 3 churches in the Puget Sound Area. John's congregation currently meets in the NW Community Center. They have 70 Parishioners. Because of their size, their strategy for social outreach is to join other organizations or agencies such as Habitat for Humanity or MSC.

ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL, Nadine Shannon, 425-746-6019

After working together on Congregation For the Homeless, St. Margarets, St. Madeline Sophie Catholic , and Holy Cross Lutheran are working on other outreach programs they can do together; for example, the alternative Christmas program. Their long range goals include programs for Seniors and Youth.

By the way, Nadine tells us, CFH so far this year had 128 clients, for 5300 bed-nights, 17000 meals, with 12000 volunteer hrs.

ST. MADELINE SOPHIE CATHOLIC CHURCH, Mike Mains, 425-747-6770.

St. Madeline also works on CFH. His parishioners like direct service programs, with hands on activities, but their goal is to work on more indirect help, i.e.; seeking more systematic or social solutions that would help others to help themselves. They do not have much success yet, but they are raising consciousness of political issues.

EASTSHORE UNITARIAN CHURCH, Gwen Lewis, 206-232-2414

They are working on becoming a more welcoming congregation for trans-gendered people

CONSEJO COUNSELING, Kay Studer, 206-296-4940 ext. 1-33821-#

They serve the Latino people of the Eastside at their satellite office at Eastgate. 42% of those served at the Eastgate Public Health Building are Spanish speaking. Consejo's area is mental health and couples counseling. They have a child psychologist on staff, they deal with domestic violence, with both victims and perpetrators. They have parenting classes and work with CPS.

They have clients from 18 different Spanish countries, and so they have at least 18 different Spanish cultures to deal with. Some clients come to churches because they feel racism elsewhere. Again, their focus is mental and emotional health. You are welcome to refer Latinos to them.

NEWPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Leada Ask 425-453-8028

They are working on becoming more hospitable, welcoming and supportive of gays and lesbians and their families.

TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH, Joy Pocosangre, 425-747-0877.

Joy presented a proposal for a grassroots relief effort for Hurricane Mitch. Her Husband Ricardo is traveling there this month with some supplies and she suggests that others, too, could gather items to send to Central America.

ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MEDINA, Beverly Goucher 206-232-1030.

Their outreach committee gives grant money; Their Mission Volunteers follow up with hands-on support. They try to integrate children and youth into these efforts. For example, they help the EDVP (Eastside Domestic Violence Program), with grant money, and hands on help from their Mission Volunteers. They also have 5 tutors at Medina elementary school.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, Louise Wong, 425-637-0822

Louise gave a list of their outreach activities; They have AIDS and Abortion counseling, grief ministry, they work with Moms, women, kids, and the homeless.

GRACE LUTHERAN, Sally Wing, 425-747-5924.

They are working with a sister congregation in St. Petersburg. This helps with getting children involved, for example their Sunday school has pen-pals in Russia, and they have collected school supplies and Christmas gifts for their sister congregation.

OVERLAKE PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Jackie Treber.

Their outreach program is designed to raise the visibility of their church. They are working with St. Peters on a Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

ST. LOUISE ROMAN CATHOLIC, Darlyne Glaze, 425-747-4450.

They are part of a hands-on program for the homeless that is seeking new board members. HAC, or Housing At the Crossroads, has 7 units of transitional housing for homeless mothers and families.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER IN KENMORE, Rev. Geoff Ethelston, 425-486-5665.

They work with the North Shore MSC, and the Kenmore shelter. Their church does canned goods, Christmas baskets, food for the clients at the shelter.

CHURCH COUNCIL OF GREATER SEATTLE, Meridith Brown, development director. 206-525-1213.

They are "putting faith into action" with hands on, direct human services programs. They have 24 programs that cover cradle to grave, including the Emergency Feeding program, Friend to Friend (visitations to elderly and shut-ins), Kids at the Crossroads, Starlite Evening fund raiser, Political Action programs. They are seeking volunteers for several programs with an Eastside presence, the Emergency Feeding Program 425-391-1196, Friend to Friend 425-822-3584, and Sound Youth, AKA Kids at the Crossroads, 425-456-5343, 425-456-5633.

BELLEVUE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN, Jim Palmer 425-747-2977.

Jim introduced Byron Girard, the principal of the Eastside Urban Academy, part of the non-denominational Christa Ministries (425-452-9920). The Eastside Urban Academy, "A Christian Alternative High School", meets in the facilities of Bellevue First Presbyterian. Currently they have 32 students, they want to keep teacher/student ratio to 10 or 11 to 1.

MINUTES of the OCTOBER 13th, 1998 meeting were approved as printed (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924).

TREASURER'S REPORT presented by Jim Palmer, 425-747-2977.
The treasurer's report was accepted; spreadsheet attached.

Sally Wing, 425-747-5924 reported on the Newsletter. The next issue will come out in January.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES, Joy Pocosangre. 425-747-0877.
The U.S. Supreme Court made a decision concerning school vouchers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We received a letter from Child Care Resources, their Seattle site is moving to a new address.
- St. Margaret's Thrift Shop, 425-451-9673, is having a Christmas sale Dec. 5th.
- Nadine Shannon, 425-746-6019, related a couple of success stories from CFH.
- Terry Kimber, 425-644-1729, mentions a Messiah Sing-In on Dec. 13th and passed out flyers.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50PM.

Submitted by Michael Johnson (425-746-9814)

ADDITION TO THE MAILING LIST:

Andrew Yee,
Interim Associate
Grace Lutheran Church
9625 N.E. 8th St.
Bellevue, WA 98004

FUTURE MEETING: January 12, 1999,
TOPIC: HOUSING, with speakers Art Sullivan of ARCH and Jean Ann French of Habitat for Humanity.

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

For the month ended Oct. 31, 1998

	General Fund	Congregations for Homeless	Employment Job Fair	Cultural Div/Racism	Housing Task Force	Project H-M Soup	Emergency Svc/Fund	Total
Fund balance, beginning Oct. 1, 1998	1,244	50,732	502	105	59	350	0	52,992
Receipts:								
Dues	75							75
Contributions-Congregations		600						600
Contributions-individuals		50						50
King County grant								0
United Way grant		1,050						1,050
								0
								0
ESAP & FEMA grant								0
								0
Interest	1	111						112
Total receipts	76	1,811	0	0	0	0	0	1,887
Disbursements:								0
Catholic Comm. Svc.- (No billing)								0
Lock & key for trailer		17						17
								0
								0
Newsletter mailing	45							45
Postage & copies	66	38						104
Total disbursements	110	56	0	0	0	0	0	166
Ending balances - Oct. 31, 1998	1,210	52,488	502	105	59	350	0	54,714
Cash balances - Oct. 31, 1998								
Checking								574.47
Savings								54,139.14
Total								\$54,713.61

B. Spohn

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MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8TH, 1998

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NEXT PROGRAM: January 12, 1999,

TOPIC: AFFORDABLE HOUSING, with speakers Art Sullivan of ARCH and Jean Ann French of Habitat for Humanity. Tuesday, January 12th, 1999, 12:00 noon to 1:30PM in the Chapel Lounge (Room 315, former sanctuary, entered through the upper parking lot on NE 17th Street, off 100th Ave. NE), First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue. If you cannot be present, please send an alternate. Clergy, youth representatives, persons who work with youth or social ministry programs, and other lay persons are welcome. Please provide brief announcements in writing. Please include EISCC announcements in your congregational newsletter.

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Meeting opened at 12 noon, Chaired by John Waltner, 425-869-4151, he also led the opening prayer. 31 persons were present.

PROGRAM: What can EISCC do about Community Concerns?, A Follow-up to the brainstorming discussion of the September meeting, facilitated by Paul Osborne.

Sally Wing began this session by reviewing our current mission statement and summarizing our history. Her notes are attached.

Paul Osborne

Paul's notes on this brainstorming session appended to these minutes.

MINUTES of the November, 1998 meeting were approved with corrections. (Michael Johnson, 425-747-4450).

TREASURER'S REPORT presented by Jim Palmer, 425-747-2977.

The treasurer's report was accepted; spreadsheet attached.

Sally Wing, 425-747-5924 reported on the NEWSLETTER. The next issue will come out in January. Sally asks that if you have items for the EISCC newsletter please get them to her.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES -Al Bagley, Overlake Park Presbyterian reported for Joy Pocosangre. 425-747-0877, who is in Central America.

EMPLOYMENT TASKFORCE, Betsy Matheu, LDS. The LDS church has an employment office in Renton at 206-682-3363, and Bellevue 425-747-4250, near Kmart Plaza.

MEMBERSHIP. Leada Ask reported for Betty Spohn.

DIVERSITY TASKFORCE, no report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jeff Ethelston: Church Council of Greater Seattle Commission on Children Youth and Families is seeking new members, contact Rachel Allen, 206-525-1213

Meeting adjourned at 1:30PM.

Submitted by Michael Johnson

NEXT MEETING: February 9th, 1999

TOPIC: Diversity and Values in our Schools, needs and problems of our schools.

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For the month ended Nov. 30, 1998

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Fund balance, beginning Nov. 1, 1998	<u>1,210</u>	<u>52,488</u>	<u>502</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>54,714</u>
Receipts:								
Dues	25							25
Contributions-Congregations		2,450						2,450
Contributions-individuals		1,163						1,163
City of Bellevue		7,554						7,554
City of Redmond		1,250						1,250
City of Issaquah		625						625
United Way grant		1,050						1,050
								0
ESAP & FEMA grant		2,622						2,622
								0
Interest	<u>2</u>	<u>92</u>						<u>94</u>
Total receipts	<u>27</u>	<u>16,806</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16,833</u>
Disbursements:								0
Catholic Comm. Svc.-July-Sept.billing		26,000						26,000
Audit - Review		815						815
								0
								0
Bulk mail permit	85							85
Postage & copies								<u>0</u>
Total disbursements	<u>85</u>	<u>26,815</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>26,900</u>
Ending balances - Nov. 30, 1998	1,152	42,479	502	105	59	350	0	44,647
Cash balances - Nov.30, 1998								
Checking								848.48
Savings								<u>43,798.37</u>
Total								<u>\$44,646.85</u>

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Notes from Paul Osborne of December 8th Meeting.

Last Tuesday, December 8th, an hour of the meeting of the EISCC was devoted to planning. The goal was to identify which needs would be addressed by EISCC activities for the coming year.

Candidate lists were available in the form of the needs priorities set by providers and a list of needs generated by the EISCC at the September meeting. Both lists have much in common, and both lists are quite extensive.

In an attempt to optimize the application of EISCC resources to meeting needs I suggested the following methodology:

- 1) Create a mission statement for the EISCC, to serve as a guiding philosophy. Four candidate mission statements were provided:
 - a.. Aid individual congregations to meet local outreach needs.
 - b.. Coordinate congregation outreach programs to meet area needs.
 - c.. Act as the social concerns community voice for congregations.
 - d.. Act as facilitator between provider agencies and congregation outreach programs.
- 2) Set specific goals for the coming year. Progress toward these goals must be measurable. The idea was to pull these from the lists from the providers and the September meeting. The selection was to reflect EISCC priorities as identified in the mission and goals, and be limited to match EISCC resources.
- 3) Identify implementation responsibilities, plan next steps.

The session did not go as I had hoped. This is in large part because of my lack of history with and understanding of the EISCC. The outcome does, however, match the nature of the organization. Specifically:

- 1) The Mission - to help congregations achieve their outreach goals by acting as a coordinator of services.
- 2) The goal for the coming year - to identify and catalog all outreach services provided by providers and outreach programs; to survey needs; to match the two and identify overlap, holes, and opportunities for more efficient provision of services.
- 3) Provide providers and congregation outreach programs context for their programs and guidance where useful.
- 4) Create and maintain a comprehensive model of needs and services for the East Side.

This set fits with the historical role of the EISCC. I have a few reservations. Among them:

- 1) I believe the task is much bigger than some people realize, and difficult. In part this is because needs and programs change.
- 2) It's not clear to me that such a program would be perceived as valuable by congregations or providers. So much ground is being covered that little will be understood in depth. I suspect this will limit its usefulness. As someone pointed out the fact that providers no longer attend EISCC meetings may indicate they don't see immediate benefit from participation. — Oct. Mtg.
- 3) We don't have validation from either congregations or providers that such a survey is needed, although there is anecdotal evidence there are holes in the provision of services.
- 4) It's also not clear to me that providers are interested in optimal distribution of service. They are, after all, devoted to providing their individual services.

Recommendations:

- 1) If the mission statement is to be kept, and I think it's a good one, survey some outreach programs. Find out what, if anything, they actually need. we do!
- 2) Recognize what Geoff said, that the EISCC has the opportunity to be creative. Unfortunately, I'm not clear on what form this could take.
- 3) Clearly understand the benefits EISCC could provide, fashion the coming year's program around providing them. Without appropriate carrots for both outreach programs and providers I doubt the EISCC will be considered vital by either.

- Paul Osborne

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BRIEF HISTORY

Beginning as Eastside Conference on Race and Religion, 1963-1968, Bellevue Ecumenical Social Concerns Committee became Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council in December, 1984. The group has met regularly, presenting programs about current issues and resources in the community. Membership currently includes 31 congregations and 15 agencies.

Accomplishments have included an emergency services directory (every one or two years), Congregations for the Homeless, and support for Bellevue Emergency Service Fund (through Multi-Service Center). We have encouraged participation in programs of the Church Council of Greater Seattle and the Washington Association of Churches. We have also encouraged collaboration with other congregations and agencies. We have created numerous task forces, currently including collaborative leadership liaison, Congregations for the Homeless, diversity (our newest one), employment, finance, legislation, membership, and newsletter.