

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

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

MINUTES OF JANUARY 12TH, 1999

MISSION STATEMENT

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NEXT PROGRAM: February 9th, 1999, Dr. Michael N. Riley, Superintendent of Bellevue Public Schools will speak on issues in our schools. Tuesday, February 9, 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.

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Welcome and Prayer. Meeting opened at 12 noon, 35 members and 2 guests were present. Jim Palmer did the opening prayer. Terry Kimber, 425-644-1729, chaired the meeting and welcomed Arthur Sullivan of ARCH and Jean Ann French of Habitat For Humanity.

Arthur Sullivan of ARCH, A Regional Coalition for Housing, introduced a video that Advance Bellevue produced for ARCH. ARCH is a coalition of cities in East King County, including Bellevue, Kirkland, Redmond, Duvall, Woodinville, Newcastle. Mark had some handouts listing the projects they currently fund. The video described affordable housing issues. In 1997 the average house in East King County cost \$230,000 and the average apt. rent was \$815/mo. They also work with MSC and YWCA, on transitional housing, on special needs and group housing. Mark can be contacted at 861-3677 or archhousing@aol.com.

They are seeking ways to get the community involved affordable housing issues. They are forming focus groups to study this. Contact Mark if you are interested.

Jean Ann French, (425-869-6007, habitat@accessone.com) is Manager of Resource Development for Habitat for Humanity. She began with some inspirational quotes from "Theology Of The Hammer", by Millard Fuller. There is now a study guide to "Theology Of The Hammer."

Their Overlake Park project is finished, and they are now getting ready for the Patterson Park project, which will consist of 5 duplexes. 3 coalitions have already been formed, including the congregations of St Jude, LDS, Overlake Christian, Kirkland Interfaith.

Her colleague Jerry Heck will conduct a Habitat for Humanity Information meeting for coalition members Feb. 1st, 1999 at 6:30PM at the Habitat office 16315 NE 87th St. Redmond. They will discuss plans for the future and how your congregation can get involved. For more information call Jerry Heck at 425-868-7571. This is for a building to start in Feb. 2000. They will need a commitment 3 months from now. Past coalition

members had so much fun, they are looking for other projects to do together. Jean handed out a list of coalition members from the Overlake Park Townhouse project. In the fall of 2000, they will be building 3 more duplexes.

First they create a Coalition of several congregations, then they choose a steering committee (2 members from each congregation). Then they recruit the volunteers. Their only limitation in this area is land. Land is very expensive in this area.

Jean thanked ARCH for giving Habitat for Humanity technical support in obtaining city permits for the Overlake Park project.

They will have a meeting Jan 23rd at 9am, at 1st Congregational Church in Bellevue, for selecting clients. The criteria for selection is as follows:

- 50 % or less of median income (\$30K for family of 4 in Bellevue).
- 500 hours of "sweat equity".
- having a need for housing.

Questions from the floor were answered.

ARCH produces a list of what housing programs exist, and Ann Lewis from HOUSING AT THE CROSSROADS found it helpful for her clients when they finished their transitional housing program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER meeting were accepted with some corrections

LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE. Joy Pocasangre (425-747-5924) mentions the Legislative Conference. On Jan 23, the Washington Association of Churches holds its Legislative Conference. She handed out several pages of information on the 1999 Legislative Session.

Jeff Ethelston, 425-486-5665 recommends the Clergy Day to be held on Feb 3rd. Sponsored by TIA and EISCC. He noted that the March 23 Legislative Day will have 3000-5000 attending, while the Feb 3rd Clergy Day will have only 10 or 12 attending.

Joy suggests a meeting of Clergy on legislative issues for a monthly EISCC topic. Upcoming legislation this session includes the Holocaust insurance bill, and childcare issues. Jeff attended the CCGS Seattle Commission on Children Youth and Families, and learned that DSHS is asking for an end the law that requires them to house children.

Sally Wing suggests we can call that legislative hotline, 1-800-562-6000. You should call your legislators when an issue comes up for a vote.

FINANCE: Jim Palmer reported on finances.

Bellevue Breakfast Rotary Club donated grant money for CFH.

NEWSLETTER, Sally Wing asks that you send her any items for the next newsletter. She handed out the program guide for the Odyssey Channel, the faith and values channel from TCI.

Nadine Bentson reports that CONGREGATIONS FOR KIDS is having a van tour on Wednesday January 27th from St Louise Church. Contact her or Ann Lewis 425-644-1224 for more info.

CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS. Nadine Shannon reported on CFH. In 1998 they had 6900 bed nights, served 20,000 meals, and had a peak number of 29 men in the shelter for December. Contract negotiations continue with the cities involved. Congregations for the Homeless has met or exceeded all of our goals for this year.

Betty Spohn reported on MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.
We are updating our bulk mailing list.

OTHER BUSINESS:

To join a task force contact Mike Johnson, 425-746-9814.
Also signup for the opening prayer at our monthly meetings.

Jeff Ethelston 425-486-5665, is our liaison to Church Council of Greater Seattle.
The Church Council of Greater Seattle Commission on Children Youth and Families is seeking new members, contact Rachel Allen, 206-525-1213

Louise Wong reports that Sacred Heart Church in Bellevue will have a service day on March 13th, and if service agencies have volunteer opportunities for that day, they need to know by end of the January. Contact is Chris Hillman of Sacred Heart Church, 425-454-1123.

John Waltner (425-869-4151) solicited volunteers for a survey committee. The EISCC Executive Committee wants a group that conduct a small telephone survey of our members.

John Waltner read a letter from Eastshore Unitarian Church. They enclosed \$500 "seed money" for the startup our next EISCC project.

TOPIC FOR OUR MARCH MEETING: a representative from Mentor Health Northwest (formerly known as Eastside Mental Health), will speak about their anger management program.

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MINUTES, FEBRUARY 9, 1999

NEXT PROGRAM: Court-Ordered Anger Management and Domestic Violence Programs. Doug Feron, Mentor Health Northwest. March 9, 1999, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. 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.

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.

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Co-Chairperson John Waltner (425-424-3725) opened the meeting with prayer by Glenda Estes at 12:10 p.m., February 9, 1999, in the Chapel Lounge at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Twenty-five persons were present.

Prayers were offered for Gwen Lewis, Co-Secretary, who was stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage while traveling in Italy, and is now in a coma in a hospital in Italy, with her husband nearby. [Word of her death on February 10 was received later.]

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present.

PROGRAM. "SCHOOLS AND THE COMMUNITY"

Dr. Michael Riley (425-456-4172), who is in his third year as Bellevue Public Schools District Superintendent, cited the District's "aims to cure disease, eliminate poverty, eradicate violence, and end prejudice, hatred and cruelty. We intend to perfect not only society but our species as well." He expressed the belief that all children have unlimited potential and should be given the kind of education to become Advanced Placement students. He emphasized frequent assessments, extra opportunities for children to overcome deficits early, consequences for not doing work, and alternative ways to achieve the same objectives, such as dictating or typing a written assignment. He reported that flexible alternative schools have reduced the number of dropouts from 20% to 14%. Structure includes a full seven-period day in high school, with open periods only at the beginning or end of the day; not permitting high school students to drop classes; and assigning failing middle school students to an extra period for homework, to summer school, and sometimes to an alternative high school. Riley described community support as high, and the biggest problem as State under-funding of schools.

Multi-Service Centers. Jennifer Cole-Wilson (425-747-4826) provided a report for 1998 on the Bellevue Emergency Services Fund, established by EISCC, to meet needs not met through other funding sources, including rent, utilities, gasoline, and emergency motel placement. Of more than \$20,000 donated, EISCC members contributed 75%. Total expenditures were nearly \$40,000, met in part through other contributions to the Centers. In the Centers' five sites, 20% of the recipients are seniors, 43% children under 18. Services have included provision of school supplies, emergency shelter, and eviction prevention. During November and December holidays, additional food was available for 542 families, representing 1,962 individuals, and a gift room for 481 families to make selections for their 1,241 children.

Church Council of Greater Seattle Commission on Children, Youth, and Families. Rachel Allen (206-525-1213, ext. 3201) reported on the first year of the Commission, which fosters communication and collaboration among congregational and other community leaders, creates and supports model programs, and is developing a resource and referral network. The Commission offers training on developmental assets and is actively seeking information from people who are working in this area.

MINUTES (Michael Johnson, 425-747-4450) of the January 12, 1999, meeting were approved with editorial corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT. In the absence of Jim Palmer, Co-Chairperson Waltner presented the report (attached). Membership dues have been received from some congregations and agencies. Grants have been received from King County, the City of Redmond, and United Way. Catholic Community Services has been paid for services to Congregations for the Homeless during October and November. Balance on January 31 was \$53,443.

COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE SIGNUP. Members were encouraged to express interest in participation in task forces and committees.

TASK FORCES AND COMMITTEES.

Newsletter. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924). The current issue is in process.

Legislative Task Force. In the absence of Joy Pocasangre, Geoff Ethelson (425-486-5665) reported on Clergy Day, in which eight Eastside representatives participated with others, meeting with lobbyists and some legislators.

Congregations for the Homeless. (Nadine Shannon, 425-746-6019). Governor Gary Locke has appointed Terry Lukens as a Superior Court Judge, so that he has resigned as the program's attorney.

Survey of Congregations. (John Waltner (425-535-3725) The proposed survey is being developed, with presentation of results anticipated at the May 11 meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS. None.

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.

2. Newcomer packets are available from Betty Spohn, Membership Chair (425-451-3651). She also has extra copies of Council minutes and brochures.

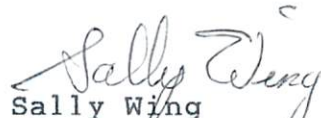
3. "The School Zone" is a regular presentation on TV Channel 55 by the Bellevue School District. Programs which provide information about curriculum, student activities, etc. are broadcast on Tuesdays, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., and Fridays, 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. A current program guide is available by calling 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. 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 designate the fund.

6. Kids at the Crossroads needs volunteers to work with elementary school children. Sound Youth Americorps members coordinate the program at each site, Nicole VanderDoes (425-456-5343) at Lake Hills, and Rachel Dooley (425-456-5633) at Phantom Lake.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m., following closing prayer by Louise Wong.


Sally Wing
Secretary Pro Tem

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF FUTURE PROGRAMS

April 13, 1999. Former Governor Mike Lowry, on Housing for Migrant Workers.

May 11, 1999. Results of congregational survey.

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NEXT PROGRAM: APRIL 13th, 1999.

TOPIC: Farm Worker Housing Fairness Project, with speaker former State Governor Mike Lowry. Tuesday, April 13th, 1999, 12:00noon 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 chaired by Terry Kimber, opened at 12:05 with prayer by Al Bagley. 26 persons were present. (Betty Spohn, 451-3651, mentioned the death of EISCC member Gwen Lewis.)

PROGRAM: Doug McFeron of Mentor Health Northwest (425-828-1449) speaking on their court-ordered anger management program, THE EBRP, EASTSIDE BEHAVIORAL RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAM.

EBRP is a state-certified domestic violence perpetrator treatment program, providing anger management and domestic violence counseling. Doug read from the summary in the police pamphlet on DV, which has alarming statistics: every 9 seconds in America another women is abused, and 1/3 of all women are beaten by someone sometime in their life. There are escalating effects--pain and injury inflicted on victims increases. He described the 1984 Domestic Violence Act of Washington and the 1993 perpetrator treatment program certification, WAC 388-60.

What causes Domestic Violence? Doug tells us that DV is caused not by alcohol or drugs, but, by an inability to manage anger. They don't handle sociopathic, psychopathic or personality disorders, but only those that they are able to treat, the lowest level of violence. The Bellevue program is a model of how to handle DV for the whole country.

Most perpetrators say "I didn't do anything" but they don't have to be physically violent, Controlling behavior is a result of anger and frustration.

This is a year long program in which 85-90% are referred by the courts. Therefore, the program therapists usually have police reports and court paperwork to start their intake.

Their #1 focus is victim safety, and then #2, new skills for the perpetrator.

In their classes they explain that everyone gets angry, they can choose a non violent response.

They introduce skills such as effective communications, conflict resolution and relationship building.

The classes are followed by 6 months of group therapy, followed by individual therapy

Their success rate is about 2/3 who will not re-offend.

Doug answered some of our questions:

Their treatment philosophy is behavioral oriented. They explain that actions have consequences, and these are their other choices. But still only 2/3 "get it".

Where does Domestic Violence come from? Mainly the family they grew up with. The parents don't relate properly, and so the children did not learn.

Do they work with police? Mainly on how to intervene, with special concern for victim safety

Do they have a Spanish program? No, but they have interpreters and make referrals to Seattle agencies.

Do they have high school programs? Doug recommended YES, Youth Eastside Services. EBRP doesn't work with those under 18 years.

Behind the anger are big issues of power and control. The perpetrators see themselves as victims themselves, and say "the system did this to me" or "she did this to me".

In summary, they are teaching different choices to offenders. They teach different techniques to handle anger and frustration.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY meeting accepted.

TREASURERS REPORT, Jim Palmer, 425-747-2977, says that in February, CFH received \$11,000.00. Only half of our members have paid their dues. Please send in your dues soon.

NEWSLETTER, Sally Wing, 425-747-5924, and Mike Johnson, 425-747-4450, are planning to mail the newsletter at the end of March or beginning of April.

LEGISLATIVE, Joy Pogasangre, 425-747-0877, was absent. Jeff Ethelston mentions several bills pending. Al Bagley suggests we can give our Email Address to Joy and she can give us quicker updates on legislative issues. Sally Wing, 425-747-5924, reminded us of Church Advocacy day on March 23 in Olympia, and the Legislative Hotline 1-800-562 6000. Contact Joy P. for more info.

CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS report from Nadine Shannon, 425-746-6019. King County is sending us \$15,000.00. Last week the shelter had 26-28 men per night.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, Betty Spohn has finished updating the Bulk mailing list for the Newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Ethelston, 486-5665, is part of the Seattle Institute for Spirituality on "Finding the Infinite Within". They have explored Sufi, Catholic, Native American, Jesuit, and Celtic spirituality. The next meeting on March 26 at 7pm is to decide which direction to go. Their emphasis is on interfaith dialogue. Jeff finds it useful to share understanding of each other's faith.

AMERICORE is selecting their 1999-2000 sites for placing AmeriCore workers. They will have an information meeting next Tuesday. They are also recruiting AmeriCore workers. 206-525-1213.

Louise Wong, 637-0822, mentioned the Service Day for Sacred Heart volunteers. They go out into the community to work with different agencies.

Dorothy Shindler mentioned the death of Walford Erickson, a long time ecumenical activist and member of EISCC.

Betty brought up the Dear Abby column on women in Afghanistan; she had copies available.

Al Bagley mentioned the Bill Moyer PBS Special on channel 9 on March 30, about South Africa and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

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Activity Report - All funds

For the month ended Feb. 28, 1999

| | General Fund | Congregations for Homeless | Employment Job Fair | Cultural Div/Racism | Housing Task Force | Project H-M Soup | Seed Money Fund | Total |
|--|------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Fund balance, beginning Feb.. 1, 1999 | <u>1,444</u> | <u>50,482</u> | <u>502</u> | <u>105</u> | <u>59</u> | <u>350</u> | <u>500</u> | <u>53,443</u> |
| Receipts: | | | | | | | | |
| Dues | 35 | | | | | | | 35 |
| Contributions-Congregations | | 250 | | | | | | 250 |
| Contributions-individuals | | 150 | | | | | | 150 |
| City of Bellevue | | 7,554 | | | | | | 7,554 |
| City of Kirkland | | 2,057 | | | | | | 2,057 |
| ESAP & FEMA grants | | | | | | | | 0 |
| United Way grant | | 1,050 | | | | | | 1,050 |
| United Way pay-outs | | 166 | | | | | | 166 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Interest | <u>6</u> | <u>94</u> | | | | | | <u>101</u> |
| Total receipts | <u>41</u> | <u>11,321</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>11,362</u> |
| Disbursements: | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Catholic Comm. Svc.-Owe Dec-Feb. | | 0 | | | | | | 0 |
| Legal services | 90 | | | | | | | 90 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Postage & copies | | <u>20</u> | | | | | | <u>20</u> |
| Total disbursements | <u>90</u> | <u>20</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>110</u> |
| Ending balances - Feb. 28, 1999 | 1,396 | 61,783 | 502 | 105 | 59 | 350 | 500 | 64,695 |
| <u>Cash balances - Feb. 28, 1999</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Checking | | | | | | | | 778.16 |
| Savings | | | | | | | | <u>63,916.79</u> |
| Total | | | | | | | | \$64,694.95 |

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NEXT PROGRAM: MAY 11th, 1999.

TOPIC: Bridge Ministries for Disability Concerns, a Christian organization located in Kirkland, serving persons with disabilities. Speaker will be either Bruce Knofel or Henk Wapstra. Tuesday, May 11th, 1999, 12:00noon 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 chaired by Terry Kimber, opened at 12:00 with prayer by Geoff Ethelston. 38 persons were present.

PROGRAM: Farm Worker Housing Fairness Project, with speaker former State Governor Mike Lowry. (425-226-1636 fairness@earthlink.net)

We need to bring back grassroots public policy discussion, especially regarding issues of the poor. Mr. Lowry has started speakers bureaus to help this process.

The Farmworker Housing Endowment Fund was established to raise funds for seasonal migrant farmworker housing.

Farm worker living conditions are terrible. Washington State leads the nation in producing and exporting apples, asparagus, hops, spearmint, carrots, cherries, raspberries and pears. Millions of fruit-bearing trees have been planted in recent years while disregarding the housing needs of the workers needed to harvest the crops. We have about 70,000 migrant farm workers. Profits have doubled over the last decade, but their wages are the same -- about 6000/year for these migrant seasonal workers.

The big problem with building housing for migrant seasonal workers is the cost of year-round maintenance and operations-- there are 6 to 8 months of the year when the workers are not there. The endowment fund is to subsidize this expense.

\$25,000 will build a standard (not SUB-standard) 3 bedroom house; they can get EPA grants for sewers, free land from the state, etc. The farm workers would pay 15% of their salary, or

about 900-1800/year in rent. This endowment fund is a way for the growers to participate, as well as churches, local, state, and federal government.

The first project for the Farmworker Housing Endowment Fund will be in the Columbia River Basin near Mattawa, in Grant County. New orchards mean new workers. This town of 200 persons grows to 5000 in season.

The legislature this session has voted to spend \$10 million for capital spending on housing, so there is a need to raise money for this endowment fund to pay operating expenses.

Gov. Lowry finished speaking at 1:10 PM

MINUTES of last month's meeting accepted with corrections.

FINANCE REPORT presented by Jim Palmer, currently \$43K in account. Pay your dues please.

NEWSLETTER, is almost ready.

CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS Nadine Shannon reports that this is still the only shelter for men on the Eastside. Operation expenses are still only 1%. The men receive shelter, 3 meals a day, counseling, job help, etc

Betty Spohn reported on MEMBERSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve Kasner of PSBC, Puget Sound Blood Center, wants to have a blood drive at your church. Contact him at 425-462-4384 or steveka@psbc.org.

Sally Wing reported on CCGS activities: Nominations for the 2nd annual Racial Justice and Reconciliation Award need to be made before April 23. Doing Justice Mission Conference with Sister Helen Prejean as speaker is April 30 and May 1 . There is also a reader survey on the Source, the CCGS publication.

Geoff Ethelston reported on legislative issues. He is concerned about 3 bills pending: Hope of Youth (conflict intervention), CHIP (children's housing), and Removing the Workfair requirement for families with children under 1 year old. So bug your legislators via 1-800-562-6000.

There will be an Art Auction at St Mark's in Seattle on May 2nd.

The CCGS is conducting a workshop for childcare, "Share the Good News About Developmental Assets in Faith Communities", on April 20th in Seattle. Contact Mary Preuss at 525-4460.

Betty Spohn did the closing prayer at 1:25PM

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| Receipts: | | | | | | | | |
| Dues | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Contributions-Congregations | | 800 | | | | | | 800 |
| Contributions-individuals | | | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| ESAP & FEMA grants | | 2,622 | | | | | | 2,622 |
| United Way grant | | 1,050 | | | | | | 1,050 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Interest | <u>3</u> | <u>97</u> | | | | | | <u>101</u> |
| Total receipts | <u>3</u> | <u>4,569</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>4,572</u> |
| Disbursements: | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Catholic Comm. Svc.-Dec.98-Feb.99 | | 25,457 | | | | | | 25,457 |
| Sec.of State - registration fees | 20 | | | | | | | 20 |
| Fidelity bond | | 115 | | | | | | 115 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Postage & copies | | | | | | | | <u>0</u> |
| Total disbursements | <u>20</u> | <u>25,572</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>25,592</u> |
| Ending balances - March 31, 1999 | 1,379 | 40,780 | 502 | 105 | 59 | 350 | 500 | 43,676 |
| <u>Cash balances - March 31, 1999</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Checking | | | | | | | | 911.62 |
| Savings | | | | | | | | <u>42,764.15</u> |
| Total | | | | | | | | \$43,675.77 |

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MAY 11, 1999 MEETING MINUTES

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Next Program: **Tuesday, June 8, 1999, 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.**

Topics: **Kevin Henry from City of Bellevue's Office on Cultural Diversity will speak on diversity issues. Also, tentative results from the congregational survey.** Meeting will be held in the Chapel Lounge (Room 315, former sanctuary, entered through the upper parking lot off 100th Ave NE on NE 17th Street), First Presbyterian Church, 1717, Bellevue. If you cannot attend, 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 & PRAYER Meeting was opened by John Waltner at 12:03 p.m. with prayer by James Printz. 27 persons were present.

PROGRAM Bridge Ministries for Disability Concerns ("**Bridge**"). Speakers were Mary Galvin, Chaplain, and Linda Sky, Administrator & Office of Outreach (425-828-1436 bridgmin@sprynet.com).

Bridge's theme is "one face at a time", i.e. they help people one by one, by connecting them with many different "dots" of resources to give them a better way of life. They serve "persons, not people". Bridge provides one-on-one help. It does not charge for its services. They facilitate meetings at 6 churches, and conduct seminars. They usually help the physically disabled but more often provide attitudinal help. They have a guardianship team which helps 39 people of profound developmental disability. They also provide information and referral.

They are looking for people interested in **volunteer ministries**, and a volunteer coordinator. They hope to expand the volunteer team to 500 in the next 5 years. Volunteers give to the disabled, but they get much more in return. Ministry to the disabled is a real gift of an experience.

There will be a **Walk 'n Roll a-Thon on Saturday, June 5, 1999, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at Eastlake High School Athletic Track in Redmond. Those interested should contact Bridge (425-828-1431) for a registration and sponsoring form.

They have an office in Kirkland and a satellite in Marysville. Bridge was started 12 years ago by Henk Wapstra in the basement of his home. The ministry is funded by the private sector - individuals, clubs, and corporations, and gets no government funding.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Bank Jennifer Cole-Wilson of the Multi-Service Center reported that the letter-carriers' food drive on May 8 brought in 52,000 lbs. of food. There will a food sorting party on Saturday May 22 to sort the food.

Church Council Geoff Ethelston reported that the Church Council of Greater Seattle will have a meeting to develop an assistance model for kids on Thursday May 27, 8:30 a.m. to noon, at the council's 15th Avenue office. The committee on children, youth and families is looking for new members. A conference is being organized for the greater Seattle area.

Congregations for Kids Joy Pocasangre reported that there will be a Congregations for Kids planning meeting the evening of May 12. Inquiries may be directed to Peggy Cox at the Bellevue School District (456-4147) or to Joy (747-0877).

Blood Drive Terry Kimber reported that there will be a blood drive on Thursday June 3 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the LDS Church, Bellevue Stake Center, 14536, Main Street. To set up an appointment call Terry (644-1729).

Congregational Survey John Waltner reported that EISCC is surveying congregations on their social services programs, needs and interests. Surveys were distributed at the meeting and mailed to congregations not present, to be returned to EISCC by May 28. Tentative results will be shared next month.

Secretary/Co-Secretaries Wanted EISCC is in need of a Secretary or Co-Secretaries to fill in the vacancy until a new secretary is elected in the fall. Please contact Terry Kimber (644-1729) or John Waltner (424-3725) if you can help for a few months.

MINUTES of last month's meeting were accepted with editorial corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT was presented by Jim Palmer (copy attached). \$255 of dues was collected in April, after a second notice of dues was sent. Congregations who have not paid should do so.

NEWSLETTER Sally Wing asked for corroboration in computerized layout design.

LEGISLATION TASK FORCE Geoff Ethelston and Joy Pocasangre reported on the passage and failure of various bills.

CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS Jim Palmer reported that the number of men in the program is growing.

ADJOURNMENT John Waltner closed the meeting with a prayer at 1:30 p.m.

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Fund balance, beginning Apr. 1, 1999 | <u>1,379</u> | <u>40,780</u> | <u>502</u> | <u>105</u> | <u>59</u> | <u>350</u> | <u>500</u> | <u>43,676</u> |
| Receipts: | | | | | | | | |
| Dues | 255 | | | | | | | 255 |
| Contributions-Congregations | | 1,175 | | | | | | 1,175 |
| Contributions-individuals | | 1,449 | | | | | | 1,449 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| ESAP & FEMA grants | | | | | | | | 0 |
| United Way grant | | 1,050 | | | | | | 1,050 |
| City of Redmond grant | | 1,250 | | | | | | 1,250 |
| Projecy H-M Soup trans. to CFH | | 350 | | | | (350) | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Interest | <u>3</u> | <u>83</u> | | | | | | <u>85</u> |
| Total receipts | <u>258</u> | <u>5,356</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>(350)</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>5,264</u> |
| Disbursements: | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Catholic Comm. Svc.- | | | | | | | | 0 |
| CFH brochures | | 75 | | | | | | 75 |
| PO box rental - 1/2 yr. | 22 | | | | | | | 22 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Postage & copies | <u>126</u> | <u>40</u> | | | | | | <u>166</u> |
| Total disbursements | <u>148</u> | <u>114</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>263</u> |
| Ending balances - April 30, 1999 | 1,488 | 46,022 | 502 | 105 | 59 | 0 | 500 | 48,677 |
| Cash balances - April 30, 1999 | | | | | | | | |
| Checking | | | | | | | | 651.70 |
| Money Market savings | | | | | | | | <u>48,025.17</u> |
| Total | | | | | | | | <u>\$48,676.87</u> |

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| Contributions-individuals | 25 | 1,890 | | | | | | 1,915 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| ESAP & FEMA grants | | 874 | | | | | | 874 |
| United Way grant | | 1,050 | | | | | | 1,050 |
| City of Bellevue | | 6,628 | | | | | | 6,628 |
| City of Issaquah | | 875 | | | | | | 875 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Interest | 4 | 163 | | | | | | 167 |
| Total receipts | 104 | 13,429 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 13,558 |
| Disbursements: | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Catholic Comm. Svc -March 99 | | 8,524 | | | | | | 8,524 |
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| Trailer hitch repair | | 29 | | | | | | 29 |
| Legal service - corporate registration | 32 | | | | 32 | | | 63 |
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| Filing fee refund | (10) | | | | | | | (10) |
| Postage & copies | 87 | 47 | | | | | | 134 |
| Total disbursements | 146 | 8,563 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 25 | 0 | 8,766 |
| Ending balances - May 31, 1999 | 1,446 | 50,888 | 502 | 105 | 27 | 0 | 500 | 53,469 |

Cash balances - May 31, 1999

| | |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Checking | 806.61 |
| Money Market savings | 52,662.87 |
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| Receipts: | | | | | | | | |
| Dues | 60 | | | | | | | 60 |
| Contributions-Congregations | | 100 | | | | | | 100 |
| Contributions-individuals | | 50 | | | | | | 50 |
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| Episcopal Charities grant | | 5,743 | | | | | | 5,743 |
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| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Newletter subscription | 5 | | | | | | | 5 |
| Interest | <u>2</u> | <u>173</u> | | | | | | <u>175</u> |
| Total receipts | <u>67</u> | <u>7,989</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>8,057</u> |
| Disbursements: | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Catholic Comm. Svc.-April 99 | | 8,284 | | | | | | 8,284 |
| Newletter - postage & copies | 146 | | | | | | | 146 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Postage & copies | | 20 | | | | | | 20 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | <u>0</u> |
| Total disbursements | <u>146</u> | <u>8,304</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>8,450</u> |
| Ending balances - June 30, 1999 | 1,367 | 50,574 | 502 | 105 | 27 | 0 | 500 | 53,076 |

Cash balances - June 30, 1999

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| Checking | 932.82 |
| Money Market savings | <u>52,143.35</u> |
| Total | \$53,076.17 |

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 14, 1999

NEXT PROGRAM: Tuesday, October 12, 1999, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. (Note time change for close of meeting.) Agency presentations/displays about winter/holiday needs. Finger food luncheon provided by the Executive Committee (no reservation needed). Election of officers. 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.

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.

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Co-Chairperson John Waltner (425-424-3725) opened the meeting with prayer by Al Bagley at 12:01 p.m., September 14, 1999, in the Chapel Lounge at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Thirty-four persons were present.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present.

PROGRAM. Violence Intervention Programs at Youth Eastside Services (425-747-4939). Ken Wong, Violence Intervention Supervisor, and Kent Killmorgen, Supervisor of Youth at Hope. (Hot line: 425-452-4454)

The SUCCESS program, involving volunteer mentors, develops skills and keeps at-risk youth in school. The program, which began in 1987, includes Bellevue, Lake Washington, and Issaquah schools. Youth at Hope provides career challenges for a culturally diverse group, using business mentors. The second chance CEO program (choices, effects, options) helps youth to develop skills by working with adults, e.g., police-teens basketball. Mentors are needed to spend up to four hours per week for at least one year, enabling youth to feel cared for, connected, and capable.

NOMINATIONS. Nadine Shannon, chair, presented the slate for further nominations from the floor and elections on October 12. Her committee includes Nadine Bentsen and Betty Smith.

Co-Chairs: Terry Kimber, the Rev. John Waltner
Co-Secretaries: JoAnn Way, Glennnda Estes
Treasurer: James Palmer; Assistant: Louise Wong
Delegate-at-Large: Dorothy Scott.

[No vice-president was named, since, in the absence of both co-chairs, Robert's Rules specifies that the secretary or some other member can call the meeting to order for election of a chairperson pro tem.]

MINUTES (Glennnda Estes, Secretary Pro Tem, 425-747-9640; Sally Wing, Secretary Pro Tem, 425-747-5924) of the July 13, 1999, meeting were approved with editorial corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 425-747-2977) (attached). Balance on August 31 was 63,717. Grants have been received during July and August from United Way, St. Margaret's Thrift Shop, King County, and cities of Bellevue, Kirkland, and Redmond. Contributions have also been received from congregations and individuals. Payment has been made to Catholic Community Services for services to Congregations for the Homeless through June. Palmer reminded the group of a seed money fund of \$500 for new projects established by Eastshore Unitarian Church in honor of Gwen Lewis.

TASK FORCES AND COMMITTEES.

Legislative Task Force. (Joy Pocasangre, 425-747-0877) The Coalition for a Jewish Voice has voted to oppose Initiative 695.

Newsletter. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924). Input was requested for the fall issue.

Congregations for the Homeless. (Nadine Shannon, 425-746-6019). The audit has been completed. About 17-18 men are currently in the program.

Membership. (Betty Spohn, 425-451-3651) Brochures are available on the information table.

OTHER BUSINESS. None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

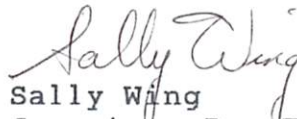
1. Brief written notices of events in your congregation or organization about three or four months ahead, for which you encourage participation by the community, can be included in the minutes. Please include name and telephone number of contact person and/or sponsoring organization.

2. Newcomer packets are available from Betty Spohn, Membership Chair (425-451-3651). She also has extra copies of Council minutes and brochures.

3. "The School Zone" is a regular presentation on TV 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. 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 designate the Fund.
6. Seattle *Times* is looking for part-time workers to deliver newspapers. Info: Patsy Floyd, 425-456-3436.
7. Congregations and Communities Partnering for Youth, sponsored by the Church Council of Greater Seattle, will be held Saturday, October 16, 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Fauntleroy UCC (Congregational) Church, 9260 California Avenue, SW, Seattle. Workshops will provide instructions and modeling in networking, collaboration with schools and other organizations, and involvement of youth in planning and decision-making. Registration: Michelle Reitan, 206-525-1213.
8. New telephone number for the LDS Employment Office is 206-682-3363.
9. Food bank volunteers are needed by the Bellevue Multi-Service Center on evenings or weekends. Phone: Jennifer Cole-Wilson (425-747-4826).
10. Contributions to United Way of King County, 107 Cherry Street, Seattle, WA 98104, can be designated for Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council or Congregations for the Homeless.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m., following closing prayer by Betty Spohn.


Sally Wing
Secretary Pro Tem

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF FUTURE PROGRAMS

November 9, 1999. Congregational reports. Each representative may present a report of a special program, such as outreach/social action or intergenerational. Please plan a five-minute report and a one-page written handout.

December 14, 1999. Child Care Consortium and new Multi-Service Center Facility.

January 11, 2000. Legislative issues.

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

For two month period ended Aug.31, 1999

| | General Fund | Congregations for Homeless | Employment Job Fair | Cultural Div/Racism | Housing Task Force | Emergency Svc.Fund | Seed Money Fund | Total |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Fund balance, beginning July 1, 1999 | <u>1,367</u> | <u>50,574</u> | <u>502</u> | <u>105</u> | <u>27</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>500</u> | <u>53,076</u> |
| Receipts: | | | | | | | | |
| Dues | 45 | | | | | | | 45 |
| Contributions-Congregations | | 1,250 | | | | | | 1,250 |
| Contributions-individuals | 25 | 50 | | | | | | 75 |
| United Way grant | | 2,100 | | | | | | 2,100 |
| City of Bellevue | | 6,628 | | | | | | 6,628 |
| City of Kirkland (2 Qtr.s grant) | | 4,516 | | | | | | 4,516 |
| City of Redmond | | 1,250 | | | | | | 1,250 |
| King County (2 Qtr.s grant) | | 7,500 | | | | | | 7,500 |
| St. Margaret's Gift Shop | | 4,000 | | | | | | 4,000 |
| United Way pay-outs | | 719 | | | | | | 719 |
| ESAP & FEMA grants | | 1,748 | | | | | | 1,748 |
| Interest | <u>8</u> | <u>404</u> | | | | | | <u>412</u> |
| Total receipts | <u>78</u> | <u>30,165</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>30,242</u> |
| Disbursements: | | | | | | | | |
| Catholic Comm. Svc.-May & June 99 | | 17,398 | | | | | | 17,398 |
| Liability insurance premium | | 1,160 | | | | | | 1,160 |
| Trailer license | | 92 | | | | | | 92 |
| Postage & copies | 117 | 40 | | | | | | 157 |
| Audit | | 795 | | | | | | 795 |
| | | | | | | | | <u>0</u> |
| Total disbursements | <u>117</u> | <u>19,485</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>19,602</u> |
| Ending balances - Aug. 31, 1999 | 1,328 | 61,254 | 502 | 105 | 27 | 0 | 500 | 63,717 |
| Cash balances - August 31, 1999 | | | | | | | | |
| Checking | | | | | | | | 736.67 |
| Money Market savings | | | | | | | | <u>62,980.26</u> |
| Total | | | | | | | | <u>\$63,716.93</u> |

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, OCTOBER 12, 1999

NEXT PROGRAM: Tuesday, November 9, 1999, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
Congregational reports. Reports of special congregational programs,
such as outreach/social action or intergenerational. (Please plan a
five-minute report and a one-page written handout on one program.)
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.

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.

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Co-Chairperson Terry Kimber (425-644-1729) opened the meeting with prayer by Jim Palmer at 12:07 p.m., October 12, 1999, in the Chapel Lounge at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Fifty-one persons were present.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present.

PROGRAM. Agency presentations/displays about holiday/winter needs. Thirteen agencies briefly described their programs of service to the community, requesting volunteer time and contributions, especially for the holiday season.

1. Multifaith AIDS Project (MAPS). Alicia Carver (206-324-2216)

MAPS is an interfaith, non-profit organization which provides spiritual and practical care. Care teams, seven to fifteen persons from one or more congregations, minister to people living with HIV/AIDS, providing companionship, meals, and practical support. They provide care in four houses, as well as to people living at home. Training will be held on Sunday, November 14, 12:30 - 4:00 p.m., at First Christian Church, 1632 Broadway, Seattle.

2. Jewish Family Service. Jennifer Moore. (206-461-3240, ext. 269)

A Chanukah program matches low-income persons with donors of Chanukah presents. Other services support utilities, rent, and other financial needs. Programs include senior services, services for disabled persons, and a monthly Eastside food bank. Jewish Family Life Education workshops include workshops and groups for single parents, and presentation of means to survive holidays.

3. City of Bellevue Planning & Community Development. Kathleen Burgess. (425-452-6866).

A new report, "Bellevue Environmental Scan," summarizes community and personal values, demographic changes, downtown growth, increasing opportunities in education and the arts, and a variety of environmental and economic needs. Through such reports and a speakers' bureau, the City encourages partnerships to meet such challenges and opportunities as globalization and increased diversity.

4. Bridge Ministries for Disability Concerns. Donna Whitmore, volunteer ministries coordinator. (425-828-1431)

Programs serve persons who have been marginalized by society, honoring their dignity and potential, and seeking to make society more inclusive. A guardianship program is available for developmentally disabled persons who lack family support. Volunteer opportunities include one-to-one friendship and circles of friends, obtaining and repairing durable medical equipment and providing it to persons in need, and assisting congregations to provide a welcoming environment.

5. Crisis Clinic. Pat O'Hara. (206-461-3210)

The community information line yields referrals for such holiday needs as food, toys, and Christmas trees. Congregations are asked to notify the Crisis Clinic of volunteer resources they can provide.

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

This ten-year old, all-volunteer program collects, sorts, and distributes through agencies everything for babies up to 14-year olds. They are the "last safety net," providing a year-round toy bank, and layettes and other supplies year round. Volunteers, including children and parents, are needed to sort materials. Cash donations are needed to supplement donated materials.

7. Eastside Multi-Ethnic Center. Betty Smith. (425-643-3559)

With Jewish Family Service as the parent agency, this program serves an ethnic population, including Hispanic, Asian, and European, with English as a Second Language classes, employment services, social services, and holiday gifts for children. Volunteer tutors are needed for the ESL program.

8. Emergency Feeding Program. Catherine Hillard. (425-562-0698)

This county-wide program, with Church Council of Greater Seattle as the parent organization, has 35 distribution sites, including St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Overlake Park Presbyterian Church, and First Congregational Church in Bellevue. They request specific basic foods, encouraging food-of-the-month donations.

9. Habitat for Humanity of East King County. Jean Ann French.
(425-869-6007)

This program, which empowers families, has recently purchased land in Newcastle, and is developing coalitions of volunteers. They will build a home this winter in Sammamish, and also offer alternative giving opportunities, including holiday cards indicating a donation and house pin jewelry.

10. Mentor Health Northwest. Terry Morrill, Volunteer Coordinator.
(425-827-9100, ext. 233; or 425-641-2999, ask for volunteer department, e-mail tmorrill@mhnw.com)

Programs include adopt-a-family and a residential housing program. Holiday donors are needed to adopt a house, occupied by persons with chronic mental illness.

11. Multi-Service Center. Jennifer Cole-Wilson. (425-747-4826)

The agency will move the week of December 27 to their new facility at 148th Avenue NE and Main Street (across from K-Mart). Their food bank will be served by holiday food drives in schools and churches. A gift room will serve children, as well as seniors seeking presents for grandchildren. Food is delivered every week to 45 homebound senior families. Volunteers are needed to sort presents and food, and help in the gift room. Roto-Care will open at the new facility the second week in January.

12. Salvation Army. Lieut. Perrine. (425-827-1930)

The agency is located at 355A Kirkland Avenue, next to the Thrift Store in Kirkland. There is an adopt-a-family program for those who have suffered a traumatic experience in the past year and food and toy giveaways. Volunteers include bell-ringing, and roving chorus groups at kettle sites and nursing homes.

13. Volunteer Chore Services. Lucy Hager, program manager. (425-562-6864)

Catholic Community Services is the parent agency. This agency for the past 18 years has helped elders and adults with disabilities to maintain independence in their own home. They encourage congregational chore programs, for which the agency will coordinate recruiting of volunteers, provide training, and maintain records of service.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Nadine Shannon served as chair and Nadine Bentsen and Betty Smith as nominating committee members.

MSC to adopt the slate of officers as presented, to take office November 1.

Co-Chairs: Terry Kimber, the Rev. John Waltner
Co-Secretaries: Jo Anne Way, Glenda Estes
Treasurer: James Palmer; Assistant: Louise Wong
Delegate-at-Large: Dorothy Scott.

MINUTES (Sally Wing, Secretary Pro Tem, 425-747-5924) of the September 14, 1999, meeting were approved as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 425-747-2977) (attached). Balance on September 30 was \$60,281. Grants were received from United Way and the City of Issaquah. Contributions have also been received from congregations and individuals. Payment has been made to Catholic Community Services for services to Congregations for the Homeless through July. Palmer reminded the group of a seed money fund of \$500 for new projects established by Eastshore Unitarian Church in memory of Gwen Lewis.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Geoff Ethelston announced that the Church Council of Greater Seattle conference scheduled on Children, Youth, and Families has been cancelled for lack of participation.

James Printz requested volunteer drivers for the Temple DeHirsch Sinai women's shelter five nights per week in Seattle. (Information: 425-869-7010)

Newsletter items were requested for the issue to be published in November. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924).

Betty Spohn was thanked for organizing this meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m., following closing prayer by Sally Wing.


Sally Wing
Secretary Pro Tem

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF FUTURE PROGRAMS

December 14, 1999. Child Care Consortium and new Multi-Service Center Facility.

January 11, 2000. Legislative issues.

February 8, 2000. Performance Spectrum, Inc., training youth in relationship skills.

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

For month ended Sept. 30, 1999

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| Receipts: | | | | | | | | |
| Dues | 50 | | | | | | | 50 |
| Contributions-Congregations | | 2,400 | | | | | | 2,400 |
| Contributions-individuals | | 50 | | | | | | 50 |
| United Way grant | | 1,400 | | | | | | 1,400 |
| City of Issaquah | | 875 | | | | | | 875 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| ESAP & FEMA grants | | 900 | | | | | | 900 |
| Interest | 1 | 263 | | | | | | 264 |
| Total receipts | 51 | 5,888 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,939 |
| Disbursements: | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Catholic Comm. Svc.-July 99 | | 9,323 | | | | | | 9,323 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Postage & copies | 7 | 24 | | | | | | 31 |
| Brochure - copies | | 21 | | | | | | 21 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Total disbursements | 7 | 9,368 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9,375 |
| Ending balances - Sept. 30, 1999 | 1,373 | 57,773 | 502 | 105 | 27 | 0 | 500 | 60,281 |

Cash balances - Sept. 30, 1999

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|----------------------|-------------|
| Checking | 1,012.53 |
| Money Market savings | 59,268.26 |
| Total | \$60,280.79 |

Minutes of the EISSC November 9th, 1999
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
Next Meeting: December 14th, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 by co-chair John Waltner. Opening prayer was given by Joy Pocasangre. The 29 members and two guests present introduced themselves.

Minutes of the October 12th meeting were approved as mailed.

Jan Koberg from Youth Eastside Services gave a short presentation. YES has served 21,000 youth on the Eastside. Volunteers are needed on Friday, December 10th to help at the annual holiday party for families. Groups are needed to prepare and serve dinner and to set up and greet families. Loaned decorations are needed as are donated school supplies and gift certificates to grocery stores and bookstores. Call Jan at 425-747-4937 if you can help.

Terry Kimber invited everyone to a Messiah Sing-in on Sunday December 12th at the Bellevue Stake Center.

Betty Spohn passed out flyers for a free Thanksgiving dinner at DaVinci's on November 25th from 2:00 PM-7:00 PM.

Congregational Reports
(compiled from written reports submitted at the meeting)

1. Temple de Hirsch Sinai. James Printz reported that the Temple maintains a shelter five nights a week for homeless women from the Noel House in Belltown. The women are given snacks, a safe place to sleep, and breakfast in the morning before being returned to Angeline Day Center. Volunteers from the Temple provide transportation, food, and supervision.
2. Episcopal Church of the Redeemer. Geoffrey Ethelston said the church is planning to buy the building in which the Butterfly thrift store in Bothell is located. The thrift store will expand grants to those in need. Outreach to the Kenmore Shelter for Homeless Families will continue, providing grocery coupons and holiday gifts.
3. Bellevue Christian Church. Barbara Smith reported that this congregation maintains a relationship with Overlake Service League, collecting food and money for their food bank and serving as a distributions center for food and gifts during the holiday season.
4. St. Andrew's Lutheran. Anna Porter reported that this group is looking at what to do next for outreach. Several community groups use their facilities during the week.
5. St. Louise Catholic. Dorothy Schindler described the plans for a joint Thanksgiving dinner with Temple B'Nai Torah, Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, and Cross of Christ Lutheran, to be held at the Temple on November 24th.
6. Episcopal Church of the Resurrection. Clyde Bell reported this church makes seamen's bags.
7. United Methodist Women. Diana Stice announced this local group is affiliated with the international organization. They respond to world wide disasters. A group in northern Iraq is working to help children affected by the sanctions. A concert and dessert evening with the Boeing choir this Friday will benefit their work.
8. Eastside Friends' Meeting. Sonneva Wood reported that the Friends are in the process of selecting an intergenerational project to reinforce community within the Meeting. The young people have very little knowledge of the many good works currently being done by individuals. Projects being

considered include housing for migrant workers, a Habitat for Humanity project, nuclear disarmament and production issues, and a peace project.

9. Bellevue First Congregational. E. J. Sugar said their church facilitates ways for members to become involved in social outreach projects. They contribute to several local agencies. Fifteen per cent of the church budget is allocated for social outreach.
10. Church of Jesus Christ of LDS North Stake Renton. Kim Cooney described the genealogical web site www.familysearch.com his church has established. The site has received many hits per second. Four hundred million names are available for searchers. A guide is being written which will be made available to everyone.
11. Northshore United Church of Christ. Sherry Budd told us this church shares space with Woodinville Unitarian Church. They administer the Kate Williams Memorial Fund, which provides mentors and grant money to young mothers, helping them develop relationships and continue their education.
12. Newport Presbyterian. Betty Spohn described Newport's work with refugees who have committed crimes, been convicted, and served their jail time. Sometimes these refugees have been jailed again and scheduled for deportation because of their records and the fact they are not citizens. When their countries do not accept deportees, these people can remain in jail indefinitely.
13. Grace Lutheran. Sally Wing reported on Grace Lutheran's relationship with their sister congregation in St. Petersburg, Russia. Their mutual activities include prayer for each other, exchanges of people and gifts, and assistance toward each other's programs. Currently the Bellevue church is gathering gifts to send to St. Petersburg for Epiphany.
14. Sacred Heart Catholic. Louise Wong's church held an All-Parish Service Day on March 13th. The Social Concerns Commission set up the day to: expand awareness of needs and to personalize those needs through direct service volunteer opportunities; provide volunteer opportunities in four focus areas (elderly and infirm, youth in crisis, homelessness and hunger, and domestic violence and abuse); provide placements and donations to area service agencies for 200 parishioners; and encourage parish unity through participation in a common activity.
15. St Luke's Lutheran. Dorothy Scott said St. Luke's has provided a "Holiday Store" for the families from the YWCA Redmond Family Village for the past six years. Last year 44 children and 24 parents attended. Children can shop at the General Store, have their pictures taken with Santa, wrap gifts and have cookies and hot chocolate. Parents shop, mail Christmas cards provided by the church, and receive gift certificates for groceries. Each person attending the party from the Village also receives two gifts he or she has specifically requested.
16. St. Margaret's Episcopal. Nadine Shannon told us three members of St. Margaret's are traveling to Nicaragua with medical supplies, play ground equipment, soccer balls, and tape recorders for recording songs. The Alternative Christmas Program this year will benefit Habitat for Humanity and the Heifer Program International.
17. East Shore Unitarian Church. JoAnne Way reported on East Shore's involvement with the YWCA Redmond Family Village. Since the Village first started welcoming families, the church has sponsored an apartment. This means resupplying the unit with bed linens, towels, basic food supplies, soap etc., and painting and cleaning as needed between occupants. Very little notice is given when this needs to be done, so this is both a satisfying and frustrating project.
18. First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue. Jim Palmer described two programs First Presbyterian supports. Church members cook and serve hot meals three times a month at the First Avenue Service Center. They feed about 40-60 people each time. (More churches would be welcome to serve at the Center.) They also support the community outreach program in Rainier Valley, which is constructing a community center with space for worship, employment training, and recreation.

19. Temple B'nai Torah. Joy Pocasangre presented a program her family has engaged in in El Salvador. They go for a one week study tour each summer with a class of about 24 orphans who live in San Miguel. The Temple is interested in looking for ways to support the effort to get other Salvadorans involved in making this tour available to other orphanages in El Salvador.

20. Evergreen Mennonite Church. John Waltner reported that his church is making tables and chairs for immigrant families in need of furniture.

(If you would like a copy any of the reports submitted by the congregational representatives please contact the secretary at 425-747-3031. Not all congregations submitted reports.)

A question was raised during the reading of the reports regarding the Interfaith Alliance of Washington State. Joy Pocasangre answered. The Alliance is a group of religious people who challenge intolerance. They are a counter force to the religious right. The group lobbies for positions important to the faith community.

It was moved and seconded that the remaining agenda items, congregational survey results and recognition of service to EISSC, be moved to the December agenda.

Closing Prayer was given by Louise Wong.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnne Way

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
Activity Report - All funds
For month ended October 31, 1999

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| Receipts | | | | | | | | |
| Dues | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Contributions-Congregations | | 2,000 | | | | | | 2,000 |
| Contributions-individuals | | 859 | | | | | | 859 |
| United Way grant | | 1,157 | | | | | | 1,157 |
| King County | | 3,750 | | | | | | 3,750 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
| ESAP & FEMA grants | | 900 | | | | | | 900 |
| Interest | 2 | 225 | | | | | | 227 |
| Total receipts | 2 | 8,891 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8,893 |
| Disbursements | | | | | | | | |
| Catholic Comm Svc -August 99 | | 9,350 | | | | | | 9,350 |
| PO Box rental | 22 | | | | | | | 22 |
| Postage & copies | 86 | | | | | | | 86 |
| | | | | | | | | 0 |
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| Total disbursements | 108 | 9,350 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9,458 |
| Ending balances - Oct. 31, 1999 | 1,266 | 57,314 | 502 | 105 | 27 | 0 | 500 | 59,715 |
| <u>Cash balances - Oct. 31, 1999</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Checking | | | | | | | | 905.91 |
| Money Market savings | | | | | | | | 58,809.33 |
| Total | | | | | | | | \$59,715.24 |

Minutes of the December 14th 1999 EISCC
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
Next Meeting January 11, ~~1999~~ 2000

Co-chair Terry Kimber called the meeting to order at 12:08 P.M.. Geoff Ethelston gave the opening prayer. The 23 members and two guests present introduced themselves.

Terry called our attention to a Seattle Times article of November 29th describing Congregations for the Homeless, and specifically Nadine Shannon's work. A request was made for help writing thank-you notes to donors to Congregations for the Homeless. If you can do this, please call Jim Palmer, Nadine Shannon, or Terry Kimber.

PROGRAM The program was presented by Shelley Noble, representing the East King County Child Care Consortium and the Multi Service Center (to be called Hopelink after January 1, 2000.) Shelley spoke on the Child Care Consortium, the Family Development Program, and new facilities for Hopelink.

The Child Care Consortium started meeting in May 1998. The group comprises members of east side cities, DSHS representatives, child care resource people, and city governments among others. The Consortium issued a position paper in September 1998, identifying four barriers families face when trying to find suitable child care. Goals were formulated to minimize these barriers. The barriers are listed below.

- Lack of supply of child care. There are not enough spaces for specific populations of children, such as special needs children, sick children, and infants. It is difficult to find child care during non-traditional hours.
- Uneven quality of care.
- Affordability of care. Up to forty per cent of family income is sometimes needed for child care.
- System fragmentation. There are many different rules in funding systems, and a lack of collaboration in planning services.

The Consortium has developed goals and recommendations to help overcome these barriers. Last spring a forum was held for businesses. Different models of child care were presented. The consortium meets once a month, and is currently following up on businesses which were represented at the forum. They are surveying child care sites to see what needs to be done to increase the number of slots for disabled children, infants, and families needing care outside of the usual hours.

The faith community could help by assessing their own child care facilities, and/or by joining the consortium. Call Ruth Swanson at 425-649-4092.

The Family Development Program helps at risk families move to self sufficiency. Family Development Specialists assist families to: identify family strengths and needs; look beyond the crisis situation and set goals; enhance family relationships; develop competency; use developmental resources in the community; and decrease isolation by building support networks.

Families are assessed for needs relating to food, shelter, health care, relationships, and economic issues. Most families face many barriers, and need long term support. A customized, comprehensive system of support is developed for each family, as Family Development Specialists help them move from short term to long term thinking.

Family Development Specialists are now working with about seventy clients from North King County to Renton and Mercer Island. About one hundred and fifty families have been helped so far, with a drop out rate of about thirty per cent.

Shelley Noble listed ways congregations could help the program. Financial donations could be used to help families directly (\$500 sponsors one family for one year) or to sponsor classes (\$800 covers the cost of a parenting class.) Gift certificates are needed to reward families as they meet their goals. Volunteers can help with the care of children while their parents attend classes, or do clerical work in the office. Call Shelley at 425-747-4826 if you are interested.

Effective January 1, the Multi Service Center will be known as Hopelink. The new facility will contain offices, classrooms, a food bank, a free medical clinic, a child care center, a kitchen, and a job resource room. The building dedication will be January 26th from 3:30-6:30 P.M.

Transitional housing, where families can stay for up to two years, will be completed in the spring. Congregations can sign up to sponsor rooms in the apartments.

MINUTES The minutes of the November meeting were approved with editorial corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT Jim Palmer reported that dues statements have been mailed out to the congregations. \$75 in dues payments was received in November. The Congregations for the Homeless fund is doing well. The cities paid \$14,918 last month, bringing the total to \$63,442. We owe Catholic Community Services for the last two months. EISSC has \$95,442 on hand in total funds.

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEYS Barbara Smith and Anna Porter handed out copies of the surveys and commented on them. Questionnaires were sent to 35 congregations, resulting in 15 responses. Barbara stated we need to know specifically what projects or programs individuals/congregations are interested in collaborating on. It was suggested EISSC might: have representatives announce what they are doing and say how they would like to collaborate with other congregations; connect congregations engaged in similar ministry; share knowledge of effective programs and assist other congregations to follow the model; and make available a congregational list of available direct aid.

RECOGNITION Dorothy Schindler and Geoff Ethelston have been members of EISSC since its inception. Seven members were in attendance who had been representatives for ten years or more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Three volunteers are needed to update the Emergency Services Directory. Call Terry if you can help.

Tom Shephard read a statement about World Vision, the largest Christian charitable organization. It has a budget of \$350 million a year, and has experts available to work with other countries. He suggested we have a representative speak at an EISSC meeting.

Kim Cooney handed out packets of genealogical material from the Family History Centers. There will be an Open House at the Renton North Stake Center on February 13th at 7:00 P.M.

Chelsey Coyte, a guest from Sound Youth Americorps, asked anyone interested in youth and children's programs to contact her at 206-525-1213 x3201. She is planning a forum for youth and children.

Betty Spohn for Joy Pocasangre: there will be an advocacy day in Olympia on January 27th. Let Joy know if you are interested in going so that transportation can be arranged.

Betty Smith gave the closing prayer.

JoAnne Way, Secretary