

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, JANUARY 14, 2003

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 11, 2003, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
"Childcare Challenges and Services" Panelists from Youth Eastside Services, Bellevue Community College Preschool Parental Education, and Hopelink, coordinated by Karen Mae Smith. 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.

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Chairperson Rick Russell (425-746-2411) opened the meeting with prayer by Lloyd Van Vactor (425-885-6993) at 12:15 p.m., January 14, 2003, in the Chapel Lounge at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present. Joy Pocasangre shared a Biblical statement about care for neighbors.

PROGRAM. "Services for Homeless Women on the Eastside."

Michelle Robertson, Operations Manager, Catholic Community Services (425-562-6874) noted that in the last six months of 2002 for 16 single women on the Eastside two to six hotel/motel nights were provided, two per cent of total referrals for shelter. These persons are often referred to other agencies for counseling, employment, and school services. Eight persons are turned away for each one served. CCS has a Host Home Program, enabling a small number of women to stay in a private home for a month, following background checks. A Homeshare Program provides space in private homes, whose owners develop a landlord/tenant agreement.

Jan Dickerman, Director of Housing and Child Development, Hopelink (206-382-9704), noted minimal Eastside services. Hopelink has participated since 1997 in the Eastside Housing Association, a consortium of agencies, including CCS and Friends of Youth. Mental health issues may prevent engagement of services. Hopelink does provide food banks, referrals, and rent assistance. Persons with disabilities are eligible for Section 8 housing in Redmond. Transitional housing, for which construction will begin in May, will include social services and a child development facility. She noted that the Kenmore shelter turns away 12 for every individual served.

Both speakers emphasized a need for funding and volunteers.

CONGREGATIONAL REPORT. Rick Russell (425-746-2411) reported on Eastgate Congregational UCC Church, which collects food for the Emergency Feeding Program, serves meals for the Church of Mary Magdalene, partners with other churches in Habitat for Humanity, and will participate in the May 17, 2003 Crop Walk to benefit Church World Service and local needs. They are also presenting community forums to enhance understanding of Islam and Iraq.

MINUTES. (Gay Ross, 425-313-7593.) Minutes of the December 12, 2002, meeting were approved with these corrections:

Program, line 2, website for interfaith Habitat for Humanity, togetherwebuild.org

Reports, line 3, "host" congregations (twice)

Announcements, line 2, name and address of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church;

line 7, Tania Hino (spelling), e-mail: hino@thewac.org

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Jim Palmer, 425-747-2977) (attached). Balance on hand, as of December 31, 2002, is \$79,381.

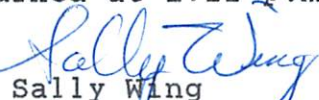
ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Joy Pocasangre (425-747-0877 or good4mel@earthlink.net) announced that Coalition for a Jewish Voice is joining the Washington Tax Fairness Coalition to encourage alternative taxes to take care of the least of us. She encouraged members to inform legislators (1-800-562-6000) of interest in discussion of issues, and to participate in Washington Association of Churches legislative briefings.

Jennifer Cole-Wilson will present the annual report for EISCC Eastside Emergency Services Fund in February. Contributions can be made to Hopelink specifying the fund.

OTHER BUSINESS. None.

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


Sally Wing
Secretary Pro Tem

Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council (EISCC)
Minutes of Council Meeting held 2-11-03

NEXT MEETING: March 11, 2003 at noon PROGRAM: Employment Challenges and Services

Conducting: Chairman, Rev. Rick Russell, 746-2411.

Prayer: Diana Stice, 454-1556, read from book, "Prayers for a Thousand Years" edited by Elizabeth Roberts and Elias Amidon.

Legislative Council Update by Ms. Joy Pocasangre, 747-0877. We wrote letters to our State Senators under Ms. Pocasangre's direction. She will deliver the letters. Her help is appreciated with our Legislative Council matters keeping us informed.

Congregational Report by Tom Shepard, 454-2146, First Congregational Church. They are active in building homes for the needy both in Washington and in Kenya. They are also active in anti-war programs. They will sponsor a Crop Walk for hunger needs on May 17th, all are invited.

Hopelink 2002 Annual Report on Eastside Emergency Services Fund by Jennifer Cole-Wilson, message phone 425-943-7559. Material was handed out and discussed. Rent and utilities are still their highest expenses.

Introductions of EISCC members: All present introduced themselves.

Program:

"Childcare Challenges and Services" was coordinated by Karen Mae Smith, 644-2064. Jan Dickerman, 485-6521, from Hopelink was the speaker. She reported that safe and suitable childcare is the single and most insurmountable problem in maintaining adult employment. A sub-standard childcare environment can have long-term negative effects on a child's development. They serve infants through school children up to 10 years of age. They have a Head Start Program to help children become more school ready.

Announcements:

- 1) Karen Mae Smith, 644-2064, said the Mental Health Ministry meetings are open to all denominations.
- 2) Our thanks go to Dr. Sally Wing for a wonderful EISCC Newsletter just published.
- 3) A motion was made to send a \$50 donation from EISCC to the Washington Association of Churches for their preparation of the packets used today. The motion was seconded by Rev. Geoffrey Ethelston.

Treasurer's Report by Jim Palmer, 747-2977, was distributed and reviewed. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented (see attached).

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as mailed.

Prayer by Jean Ethelston, 488-0342.

Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council (EISCC)
Minutes of Council Meeting held 3-11-03

NEXT MEETING: April 8, 2003 at noon PROGRAM: Hopelink Success with the Family Development Program
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Conducting: Rev. Rick Russell

Prayer: Dr. Sally Wing

Introduction of EISCC Members: All present introduced themselves.

Other Guests Introduced: Mastan Heshmahpar and Nojeba Badissy from Iman (Ithna Asheri Muslim Association) and Debbie Foley, Jim Packard, Jim Muller and Robin Wyss from SEIU, Local 6.

Program: Employment Challenges and Services Program by Marilyn Haymond, program coordinator.

Natalie Lente, (425) 943-7579, Hopelink Case Management Supervisor, said Hopelink supports disadvantaged families in need of employment. They work with those without job skills and place them in internships for 9 months with agencies such as Evergreen Hospital, the University of Washington-Bothell campus. In this program, they work 20 hours per week at the work site plus 20 hours per week with Hopelink counseling and gaining other necessary skills. At the completion of internship, Hopelink will help with job placement. The Hopelink Employment Program helps participants gain employable skills through unpaid internships, training and support. They target those no longer on welfare, but needing help with job retention. They provide pre-employment classes such as English classes and classes helping with other skills and problems relating to the workplace. They now serve 50 clients. They have a grant from Rotary International and are working with Rotary to help with resumes. The Bank of America is helping to prepare clients for teller interviews. Hopelink holds mock interviews for training purposes. Clients meet with case managers at least once a week. They focus on what the family is doing right, (because everyone in this universe is doing something right), and build from there. They will give referrals out of area.

Wanda Vargas, (425) 990-3733, Business Relations Liaison for Bellevue City, (WDC) (WorkSource Development Council) includes partners on site in their building. WorkSource is the facility for a one-stop system for assisting business, community & organization needs. They service two customers: Job Seekers & Businesses with available jobs. Their goal is to provide customers with the most skilled information, technology, and tools to succeed. They have an advisory board of businesses throughout King Co. working to meet public needs. Their services are free to public. They are public funded.

Congregational Report by Lloyd Van Vactor from Northshore United Church of Christ, Woodinville. They share their building with community and other religious organizations. They feed the homeless 6 times a year and help Congregations for the Homeless. They manage a memorial fund and provide mentors to help young, parenting women. They have helped over 100 women to date.

Announcements: (1) Debbie Foley, Secretary-Treasurer of SEIU, Local 6, said they represent 2500 building service workers. They help immigrant workers or workers who are not full citizens to find jobs, so that they will have social justice. (2) Jen Mullen, representing Washington Association of Churches, Walk with Workers Campaign said they interview workers and support Justice in the Workplace. (3) Joy Pocasangre and Jeff Ethelston reported on Children's Alliance Day at Olympia. (4) EJ Sugar, First Congregational Crop Walk, said the recruiter-training meeting will be held April 5th at 10:00 at the First Presbyterian Church in Bellevue. Registration will be 9:00 a.m., May 17th, walk thereafter. (5) Karen Mae Smith said Bipolar Meeting will be the first and second Tuesdays at 7 pm (6) Bothell Crop Walk will start at 1:00 p.m., May 4th at the high school.

Minutes were accepted with editorial corrections.

Treasures Report was reviewed by Jim Palmer. It was accepted with great appreciation.

Prayer: Dorothy Scott

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

For month ending February 29, 2003

	<u>General</u>	<u>Congregations</u>	<u>Employment</u>	<u>Cultural</u>	<u>Emergency</u>	
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>for Homeless</u>	<u>Job Fair</u>	<u>Div/Racism</u>	<u>Svc.Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fund balance, beginning Feb. 1, 2003	<u>\$928.47</u>	<u>66,578.21</u>	<u>502.28</u>	<u>105.25</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$68,114.21</u>
Receipts:						
Dues	125.00					125.00
Contributions-Congregations		6,350.00				6,350.00
Contributions - individuals		683.70				683.70
United Way - grant		1,378.25				1,378.25
City of Bellevue		8,438.50				8,438.50
King County		2,262.00				2,262.00
St. Margaret's Gift Shop		500.00				500.00
						0.00
ESAP & FEMA offset - CCS						0.00
Interest	<u>1.13</u>	<u>82.76</u>				<u>83.89</u>
Total receipts	<u>126.13</u>	<u>19,695.21</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>19,821.34</u>
Disbursements:						
Catholic Comm. Svc.,- Owe Jan. & Feb. svc		0.00				0.00
Postage & copies	5.78					5.78
Donation to WA Assn. of Churches	50.00					50.00
Filing fee - Sec. of State	10.00					10.00
Total disbursements	<u>65.78</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>65.78</u>
Ending balances Feb. 28, 2003	<u>\$988.82</u>	<u>86,273.42</u>	<u>502.28</u>	<u>105.25</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$87,869.77</u>
Cash balances - Feb., 2003						
Checking - WA Mutual						538.71
WA Mutual Money Market savings						<u>87,331.06</u>
Total						<u>\$87,869.77</u>

Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council (EISCC)
Minutes of Council Meeting held 4-8-03

NEXT MEETING: May 13, 2003 at noon PROGRAM: Kinderling Center's Services for Disabled and Mentally Fragile Children
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Conducting: Rev. Rick Russell, Chairperson

Prayer: Rev. Rick Russell

Introduction of EISCC Members: All present introduced themselves.

Program: The Hopelink Success with the Family Development Program coordinated by Dr. Sally Wing. **Shelly Nobel**, Director of Family Development, Hopelink. They employ Family Development specialists. Research has shown that families need long-term assistance to break the poverty cycle, create a better vision of themselves and identify goals. They work with families about 2 years. 75% to 80% of families can meet their goals. Their Hopelink counselor will work with them as a coach, advocate, and mentor. Hopelink will provide limited financial and employment assistance. They do one-on-one computer tutoring and provide classes for pre-employment, literacy, finances, family relationships, English, and money management. They have a job resource room, classrooms, and child care facilities. Funding is their biggest challenge. They serve about 200 families each year, 70% single parent families. Their clients must be low income, want to work on long-term goals, and want to improve themselves. They work on a referral basis only. They need volunteers in computer training, childcare, and clerical work. They help families heal & give them hope. They help solve family problems for adults and children.

Congregational Report: Geoff Ethelston, for the Church of the Redeemer, Episcopal, in Kenmore - They run the Butterfly Thrift Shop in Bothell. They assist the Kenmore Hopelink Shelter with Easter Baskets, Christmas Shopping, and Thanksgiving feast. They share their facilities and events with a Greek Orthodox Church as an outreach ministry. They share their facilities for school and community functions. They involve their youth in service outreach projects.

Minutes of previous meeting were accepted as amended.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed by Jim Palmer. It was accepted as presented.

Announcements: 1) David R. Ross, reported on the success of the "Discover Your Roots" program for Black American Genealogy. There were 350 people in attendance. 2) Karen Mae Smith announced that St. Madeleine Sophie Catholic Church at 4400 130th Place, Bellevue invites all to their Novenas for Peace meetings held each ~~Tuesday~~ *Wednesday* evening for the next 7 weeks. 3) Paul Hunsberger reported on a Mennonite Pastor who visited Iraq. 4) Nadine Shannon reported on the 50-year celebrations held for Bellevue City. Jewish, Muslim, and Christian Congregations were recognized. 5) Alex O'Reilly, (425) 452-2824, City of Bellevue handed out a survey for Human Service needs in Bellevue. 6) Nadine Shannon announced a 10-year celebration at St. Margaret's Episcopal on Oct 7th at noon for Congregations for the Homeless.

Prayer: Karen Mae Smith

Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council (EISCC)
Minutes of Council Meeting held 5-13-03

NEXT MEETING: June 10, 2003 at noon PROGRAM: "Operation School Bell" and "Congregations for Kids"
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Conducting: Rev. Rick Russell, Chairperson, (425) 746-2411.

Prayer: Marilyn Haymond

Introduction of Guests and EISCC Members: All present introduced themselves. Total present – 26.

Program: Kindering Center's Services for Disabled and Mentally Fragile Children coordinated by Marilyn Haymond, (425) 641-1497.

Speaker: Jennifer Pineda, (425) 747-4004. As Director of Advancement, she oversees marketing and fund raising. The Kindering Center focuses on children from birth to three years old with disabilities, special needs, mentally fragile and/or at risk due to abuse or neglect. The center is presently expanding at the rate of 20 children per month, while only 8 children per month are graduated on to other services and programs. They provide speech and language therapy, feeding therapy and support the whole family. They conduct parenting classes in English, Spanish, Russian and Vietnamese, and counseling through the mother's circle, national fathers network, and sibling therapy. They have a program for foster children with special needs. Their volunteer activities provide services for 1000 to 1200 families each year. The major fund raising events are a fashion show and an auction to be held November first. A video introduction to the Kindering Center was shown.

Congregational Report: presented by Senior Rabbi Daniel Wiener. He is very interested in interfaith activities on the Eastside through education, good works, and social action in community service. They are involved in feeding the Homeless men on the Eastside and in Habitat for Humanity.

Minutes of previous meeting were accepted with editorial corrections.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed by Jim Palmer and accepted as presented.

Announcements: 1) Karen Mae Smith invited all to St. Madeleine Sophie Catholic Church at 4400 130th Place, Bellevue for their Novenas for Peace meetings held each Wednesday evening. 2) E.J. Sugar, (425) 822-4695, invited all to participate May 17th in the Bellevue Crop Walk or Golden Mile walk to raise funds to stop hunger in our community and around the world. 3) Marilyn Haymond announced a free Family History Expo to be held in Redmond on June 8th.

Other Business: 1) Jennifer Cole-Wilson said Hopelink gave a quarterly report on gifts to the Eastside Emergency Services Fund. The total donation from EISCC members was \$16,611.65. Hopelink is preparing for their summer reading program for the children who attend their food banks. Hopelink is in need of new and used books for all reading levels. Books can be dropped off at Hopelink, 14812 Main St. Bellevue. Call Anna, (425) 943-7558, for more information. 2) Joy Pocasangre gave a Legislative Committee Report.

Prayer: Karen Mae Smith

KATHERY SWABLY VISITOR

Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council (EISCC)
Minutes of Council Meeting held 6-10-03

Next Meeting: Noon, July 8 th at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, WA Program: "Meeting Social Needs from Partners in Service"

Conducting: Rev. Rick Russell, Chairperson, 425-746-2411.

Prayer: Rev. Geoffrey Ethelston, 425-488-5665.

Introductions: Guests and EISCC Members introduced themselves.

Total Present 25.

Program: Betty Spohn, 425-451-3651, introduced "Operation School Bell" and "Congregations for Kids".

Speaker: Leslie Young, home phone 425-881-0298, representing Operation School Bell which is a project of the Assistance League of the Eastside, 425-556-5106, which is a Chapter of the National Assistance League, handed out their annual report for review. Another project is their Assault Survivor kits they provide hospitals for assault victims. Operation School Bell serves children who qualify for the free school lunch program. They also provide monthly birthday parties for seniors. They are funded by grants, individual contributor-directed United Way funds, unsolicited donations and special events. They provide school cloths for needy kid before school starts, and all year on an emergency basis.

Speaker: Nancy Jacobs, 425-883-6406, or e-mail: bnjacobs@juno.com, representing Congregations for Kids which helps needy children (on the school lunch program) of all ages in the Bellevue School District. Their two major programs are: 1) Good start back to school program which provides backpacks with school supplies before school starts, and 2) Warm Coats for Kids project in the fall. They have 23 congregations participating and need more congregations to participate.

Minutes of previous meeting by Gay L. Ross, 425-313-7593, were approved as amended.

Congregational Report: Dr. Sally Wing, 425-747-5924 of Grace Lutheran Church. They have been actively involved with a sister parish relationship with a German Lutheran congregation in St. Petersburg, Russia. Both congregations pray for each other and send e-mails back and forth. This has been a very rewarding program for them in establishing bonds with a congregation in another country.

Treasurer's Report: for May 31, 2003 was reviewed and accepted with our appreciation. (See attached)

Announcements: 1) Lloyd Van Vactor reported on a Pillar of Faith event last week. Photos were distributed. It was very successful. 2) Nadine Shannon gave a report. 3) Bill Kirlin-Hackett, representing the religious task force of the King County Alliance for Human Services, invited all congregations to get involved and to send representatives to their meetings. 4) Rev. Geoffrey Ethelston announced that Hopelink needs donations. 5) EJ Sugar announced that the recent crop walk was very successful. Thanks to all. 6) Karen Mae Smith said St. Madeleine Sophie Catholic is gearing up for a Humanity House Building Project to begin the first week in July.

Other Business: The Nominating Committee was announced for the election of EISCC officers. Recognition was given to Dorothy Scott for all her work as delegate-at-large.

Prayer: Nadine Shannon.

Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Councils (EISCC)
Minutes of Council Meeting held 7-8-03

No Meeting in August,

Next meeting September 9th at First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, WA. Program: Alternative Education with speakers from Eastside Academy and Hopelink Eastside Literacy Council.

Meeting called and prayer by Chairperson, Rev. Rick Russell, 425-746-2411.

Introduction of Guests by Rev. Rick Russell

Introduction of EISCC Members: All present introduced themselves.

Total present 20

Program introduced by Rev. Rick Russell: "Interfaith and Ecumenical Agencies in Washington-Networking Opportunities".

Speaker: Alice Woldt, 206-525-1213, Acting Executive Director of Church Council of Greater Seattle, handed out their mission statement, vision statement, goal and objective statement, and the 2002 annual report. All are invited to their Freedom Workers Freedom Ride to be held Sept. 20 thru Oct 4th. They sponsor youth programs, a friend-to-friend program of companionship for lonely elders and Share House for transition adults moving into housing. They work for peace and racial justice. They also work with the King County Religious Task Force.

Speaker: Thomas Shea, 425-334-4619, President of the Interfaith Alliance of Washington introduced their mission statement and Twelve Springs Congregational Partnership Project which is dedicated to bringing together Women & Youth of Islam, Judaism, Christianity & other faith traditions for dialogue, mutual understanding & civic action.

Speaker: John Boonstra, 206-625-9790, Executive Director of the Washington Association of Churches said they promote partnership with churches in the community. He said they are known for their state public policy work including research, state budget and possible state income tax.

Panel Discussion by all of the above speakers: Rev. Rick Russell asked what geographic barriers and opportunities exist. Alice Woldt said that bringing church neighborhood networks together helps with understanding each other's needs. Tom Shea said their organization was a good go-between for their national organization and their local members. His vision is that they can become an information broker between local churches. Jim Palmer asked John Boonstra what was his new approach toward a state income tax. He said corporations are not paying their fair share and that lower income people are paying too much. Nandine Shannon stated that EISCC was involvement with Congregations for the Homeless and Habitat for Humanity Snoqualmie Ridge Multi-faith Build job for the homeless. She asked why the Church Council of Greater Seattle is only for Christian Congregations and not interfaith. Alice Woldt said that over time they could become interfaith. She also said that their collected food surplus is rapidly depleting and that the next collection will not happen until fall. Louise Wong asked for an update on the Janitorial Union Contracts. A partial contract was agreed to last night for a 60-day retention program when janitor contracts change.

Minutes of previous meeting by Gay Ross, 425-313-7593, were approved with editorial corrections.

Treasurer's Report for June 30, 2003 by Jim Palmer, 425-747-2977, was received with appreciation.

Announcements: 1) Nadine Shannon, 425-746-6019, said the United Way will cut their budget by 10% next year. Other budget cuts are also expected. 2) Karen Mae Smith said St. Madeleine Sophie Catholic Church is expanding their Community Center soon.

Other Business:

- 1) Jennifer Cole-Wilson, will give the Hopelink Report for Eastside Emergency Fund in September.
- 2) No August EISCC Meeting. **DO NOT COME TO EISCC MEETING IN AUGUST.**

Prayer: Paul Hunsberger

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

Activity Report - All funds

For month ended June 30, 2003

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Congregations for Homeless</u>	<u>Employment Job Fair</u>	<u>Cultural Div/Racism</u>	<u>Emergency Svc.Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fund balance, beginning June 1, 2003	<u>\$1,028.44</u>	<u>70,555.38</u>	<u>502.28</u>	<u>105.25</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$72,191.35</u>
Receipts:						
Dues	35.00					35.00
Contributions-Congregations		166.66				166.66
Contributions - individuals		0.00				0.00
United Way - grant		1,378.25				1,378.25
United Way "payouts"		78.95				78.95
Episcopal Charities		3,764.00				3,764.00
City of Woodinville		375.00				375.00
St. Margaret's Gift Shop		1,000.00				1,000.00
ESAP & FEMA offset - CCS		931.00				931.00
Interest	<u>0.11</u>	<u>64.20</u>				<u>64.31</u>
Total receipts	<u>35.11</u>	<u>7,758.06</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>7,793.17</u>
Disbursements:						
Catholic Comm. Svc. - May svc.		10,281.00				10,281.00
Postage & copies - minutes	0.00	0.00				0.00
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						0.00
Total disbursements	<u>0.00</u>	<u>10,281.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>10,281.00</u>
Ending balances, June 30, 2003	<u>\$1,063.55</u>	<u>68,032.44</u>	<u>502.28</u>	<u>105.25</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$69,703.52</u>
Cash balances - June 30, 2003						
Checking - WA Mutual						420.91
WA Mutual Money Market savings						<u>69,282.61</u>
Total						<u>\$69,703.52</u>

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL (EISCC)
Minutes of Council Meeting held 9-9-03

Next Meeting October 14th at First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, WA.
Program: Agency Reports by Hopelink, Salvation Army, DSHS/DCFS.
Election of Officers, Luncheon provided!

Meeting called by Chairperson, Rev. Rick Russell, 425-746-2411.

Prayer by Louise Wong.

Introduction of Guests by Rev. Rick Russell

Introduction of EISCC Members: All present introduced themselves. Total present 22

Program: "Alternative Education" introduced by Rick Russell

Speaker: Greg Stone, (425) 646-3125, Executive Director of Eastside Academy, which is a Christian Alternative High School. The academy works when other schools fail because they have smaller classes; focus on kids' problems such as self esteem, drug addiction, alcoholism, parent/teen relationships with special classes, counselors, parent & family issues with success. They provide treatment & even go to court with the kids. They enter into the kids' lives & fight for them before they drop through the cracks. They provide a second chance for their students who have dropped out of the school system & their families. They present a state-approved high school diploma to those who earn it. Teachers show the kids they care, pray with them, and share their problems. They focus on moral and spiritual development while providing a solid academic program. The school now has 25 students and a waiting list. They receive no funds from the school district or government. They accept students of all faiths or of no faith. Volunteers needed for computer lab and the mentor program.

Speaker: Alice Ferrier, 425-643-1912, Hopelink Eastside Literacy Council, serves adult students who cannot read and non-readers through 12th grade reading level. They teach on a one on one basis. Their students are adults with a very narrow life, who often have given up on themselves & think they cannot learn. They need and train volunteers. They have 100 adult clients and an external diploma (for those over 25 years of age). They use materials developed for adults.

Minutes of previous meeting by Gay L. Ross, 425-313-7593, were approved.

Treasurer's Report for 2-month period ended 8-31-03 was approved as presented by Louise Wong in Jim Palmer's absence due to illness.

Other Business and Announcements: Jennifer Cole-Wilson handed out and reviewed the Eastside Emergency Service Fund Report for period April 1st to August 31st. Please specify the fund to be used for each donation to Eastside Emergency Fund. September events were announced by: Joy Pocasangre, Sonneva Wood, Paul Hunsberger, and Rev. Rick Russell. Nadine Shannon announced Interfaith Diversity Fair October 25th (see www.interfaithfair.com). Rev. Rick Russell announced a Community Forum on emigrant's blessings and barriers, November 9th at 7 p.m. at Eastgate Congregational United Church of Christ.

Prayer: Paul Hunsberger.

IMMIGRANTS emigrant's blessings and barriers, November 9th at 7 p.m. at Eastgate Congregational United Church of Christ.

PLEASE SEND DONATIONS TO HOPELINK AND SPECIFY EISCC EASTSIDE EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND.

**EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL MEETING (EISCC)
Minutes of Council Meeting held 10-14-03**

Next Meeting: November 11th at First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, WA
Agency Reports from Eastside Baby Center, Jewish Family Services, Bridge Ministry.
Dessert provided.

**IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND THE MONTHLY EISCC MEETING, PLEASE
SEND A SUBSTITUTE.**

Meeting called by Rev. Rick Russell, Chairperson, 425-746-2411.

Opening Prayer by Carol Meisels.

Introduction of EISCC Members: All present introduced themselves. Total Present: 30

Program introduced by Betty Spohn: "Reports from Agencies that provide services on the Eastside and their Holiday Needs"

Presenter: Gail Zeller, 425-688-5130, Children's Response Center Education and Prevention. They are legal advocates for children. They can come to congregations to speak on child safety at no charge. Holiday need is to adopt a child for holiday giving.

Presenter: Evie Shively, 425-649-4154, DSHS/Department of Children and Family Services, they serve children at no charge for adoption services, child care, child abuse needs, and in-home counseling for parents. Holiday needs are child adoption for holiday giving called "Holiday Magic". Need adult volunteers to answer phones and drive children during visits for the Holiday Magic program.

Presenter: Catherine Hillard, 425-562-0698, Emergency Feeding Program, is an assistant to over 200 county-wide agencies. They have food but their current need is funds for warehouse, storage and a truck with a lift gate to use in feeding those in need.

Presenter: Lorrell Hendricks, 425-869-6007, Eastside Habitat for Humanity, is building up to 30 town homes in Patterson Park, Redmond. They need labor and financial support for build programs where families provide 500 hours of sweat-equity. A \$50 donation builds one square foot of house. . Volunteers are needed in the office and for home building and fund- raising activities.

Presenter: Jennifer Cole-Wilson, 425-943-7555, Hopelink sponsors Holiday food drives in November and December for Eastside Food Banks. They have a store where those in need can shop for holiday gifts. They need new unwrapped gifts for the Holiday Store.

Presenter: Dan Tuttle, 206-992-3351, Multi-Faith Works(MAPS) manages a group homes (transitional housing for up to 2 years) for Multi-Faith Works for people living with Aides & other life-threatening diseases. They have care teams on the Eastside.

Presenter: Bob Guiliano, 425-827-1930, Salvation Army, Their Red Kettle Campaign starts in November to fund their programs for next year. They pay volunteers for Red Kettle collections. They have Nov & Dec food drives. They have an adopt-a-family program for holiday giving and a giving-tree program. They provide Holiday meals for low-income seniors on the Eastside and present them with a small gift.

Presenter: Carolyn Anderson, 206-324-2243, Seattle Metal Health, their eastside regional office is in Bellevue. Their Holiday need is for donations of family games, gift certificates, and toiletry items. They help Medicade clients that other agencies cannot.

Minutes of previous meeting by Gay L. Ross, 425-313-7593, were approved.

Treasurer's Activity Report for September was summarized by Nadine Shannon:

Beginning Balance @ 9-1-03		\$80,086.70
Dept. of Licensing (Homeless Men Trailer)	\$54.00	
United Way Grant		\$1,378.25
First Presbyterian donation		166.66
Catholic Community July Services*	<u>8,974.00</u>	
Money Market Interest		<u>67.15</u>
Ending balance @ 9-30-03		\$72,670.76

*Note August & September unpaid.

Election of EISCC Officers was conducted by Dr. Sally Wing. The following EISCC Officers will take office in November:

Chairman, Rev. Rick Russell
Vice Chairman, Lloyd Van Vactor
Co-Secretaries, Marilyn Haymond and Gay L. Ross
Treasurer & Assistant Treasurer, Jim Palmer and Louise Wong
Member at large, Dorothy Scott
CFH Chairperson, Nadine Shannon

Other Business: Lloyd Van Vactor announced gift packages going to service personnel overseas. Nadine Shannon announced Interfaith Diversity Fair October 25th with Jawad Khaki as keynote speaker.

Closing Prayer by Louise Wong.

Adjournment

A light luncheon was enjoyed by all.

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERN COUNCIL MEETING (EISCC)

Minutes of Council Meeting held 11-11-03

Next Meeting: December 9th at First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, WA
Program: Redmond Family Resource Center, plus Legislative Task Force Information

If you cannot attend the monthly EISCC meeting, please send a substitute.

Meeting called by Rev. Rick Russell, Chairperson, 425-746-2411

Prayer by Sue Wurhman

Introduction of Guests: Arlene Darby, Leslie Fulbright and David McDaniels introduced themselves.

Introduction of EISCC Members. All present introduced themselves. Total Present: 28

AGENCY PRESENTATIONS:

Jack Roos, 425-828-1431, of Bridge Ministries which is a research organization for other organizations serving citizens with disabilities to help them develop their individual gifts through a variety of programs. Their chaplains make home visits, they are currently guardians for 47 persons, they have group awareness seminar speakers available for churches, synagogues and community groups. They need many volunteers and have training for them. They recycle and distribute medical equipment. They sponsor special events such as monthly dinners, an annual fall camp and a spring Walk 'n Roll a-thon.

Adria Briehl, 425-284-2237, representing Volunteer Chore Services which is a service of Catholic Community Services committed to helping low-income elders and adults with disabilities remain independent in their own homes. Group project volunteers do yard work, painting, housecleaning and moving. Individuals help with shopping, dinner, transportation and household tasks on a regular basis. Other volunteers help with office work, fundraising or work from home on bulk mailings, friendly phoning or volunteer recruitment.

Karen Rubin and Karen Ridlon represented the Eastside Baby Corner, 425-865-0234, which is an all-volunteer agency for children from birth to age 15. They had 559 items ordered just last week. They are the largest supplier to food and clothing banks on the eastside. They need new or used clothing especially long pants, bedding, toy bags and items for infants. Anyone can volunteer, however, those under 14 must work with an adult. Their greatest need for cash donations to buy those things they do not get through donations.

Carol Mullen, Jewish Family Services, 206-461-3240, said they have many programs such as providing services for seniors, a refugee resettlement program for Jewish refugees, counseling services, emergency services for adults with disabilities, a domestic violence program, and a life education program. They need volunteers for food banks and other programs. For more information see their newsletter e-mail: JFSSEATTLE.ORG.

Minutes accepted with appreciation.

Treasurer's Report by Nadine Benson, interim treasurer who also served as previous EISCC Treasurer.

Announcements: 1) Lloyd Van Vactor, 425-885-6993, reported on interfaith fair held at Bellevue College representing 8 major faiths. 2) Nadine Shannon, 425-746-6019, gave a report on both the EISCC and Congregations for the Homeless anniversaries. 3) Paul Hunsberger remembered the veterans. 4) Dr. Sally Wing said that the newsletter will be published in January. 5) Joy Pocasangre gave information on the community alliance for global justice and Worker's Rights are Human Rights. 6) Welcome to EISCC Officers beginning their new term.

Prayer by Lloyd Van Vactor.

EISCC Finances Report Oct 1-Oct 31

Income:

Grants:

United Way	1,378.25	
United Way(payout)	170.46	
		\$1,548.71

Congregations:

St. Madeleine Sophie	100.00	
First Presbyterian	166.66	
Newport Presbyterian	1,822.56	
		\$2,089.22

Interest:

Money Market	69.50	
Checking	.46	
		<u>\$ 69.96</u>

Total Income		<u>\$3,707.89</u>
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Expenses

Postmaster (General Fund):

Box rental	48.00
Bulk Mailing permit	150.00
Wallmsley-Degginger Insurance (CFH)	<u>1250.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$1448.00

Checking Account	\$4,188.73
Money Market Account	<u>\$72,124.49</u>
Net Worth	\$76,313.22

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

November 10, 2003

Washington Mutual
ATTN: Jane Koenig
Senior Personal Financial Representative
3919 Factoria Boulevard SE
Bellevue, WA. 98006

Dear Ms. Koenig,

Due to James (Jim) Palmer's death, we are making changes of individuals who may sign checks. Please delete the names: David Hackett, Terry Kimber and of course, Jim Palmer.

Nadine Bentsen, the interim treasurer who also served as previous treasurer, will sign the majority of checks as well as move money to the checking account as necessary.

Other names will be Marilyn Haymond and Nadine Shannon. When we have a permanent treasurer, that name will be added also.

I will present this letter to the EISCC Executive Board on Thursday for their approval. We are looking forward to accomplishing this procedure.

Thank you for your assistance when I was in your bank for information on October 24.

Sincerely,


Nadine Shannon, Chair

Congregations for the Homeless, A Program of EISCC
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EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, DECEMBER 9, 2003

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 13, 2004, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. "Food Banks and Feeding Programs on the Eastside." Coordinated by Lloyd Van Vactor. Chapel Lounge (Room 315, entered through upper parking lot on NE 17th Street, off 100th Ave. NE), First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue.

WELCOME AND PRAYER. Chairperson Rick Russell (425-746-2411) opened the meeting with prayer by Sandy Lewis (425-562-1228) at 12:08 p.m., December 9, 2003, in the Chapel Lounge at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by those present. Lloyd Van Vactor introduced guests. Thanks were given for homemade baklava by Masten Heshmatpour, of Iman. Children of Iman donated toys to Children's Hospital at Eid al-Fitr, the end of Ramadan. Van Vactor noted that the Hospital will also have a Hanukkah service. There were 20 members and guests present.

PROGRAM. "Family Resource Center." (425-869-6699; <www.familyresourcecenter.org>) Pam Mauk, Executive Director, assisted by Paula Matthyse, Project Coordinator, described the Eastside human services campus. The non-profit organization, which began a decade ago as a three-building "strip mall" in downtown Redmond, houses 23 health and human service agencies, serving 48,000 people each year, half of them children, from several Eastside communities. Services include a food bank, counseling, medical and dental care, and housing. Mauk credited volunteers and tremendous community support. Ongoing needs include jobs, housing, medical insurance, and domestic violence. The agencies face local and national funding cuts and a 37% increase in demand for services over last year. The current funding campaign seeks program funds and retirement of the mortgage. An Eastside Volunteer Fair will be held Saturday, April 24.

CONGREGATIONAL REPORT. Sonneva Wood, Eastside Friends Meeting (425-746-2406). As a peace church, they support the Friends' Committee on National Legislation and local peace organizations, and sponsor the International Day of Peace at Downtown Bellevue Park. They also support elderly congregational members in assisted living.

MINUTES. (Sally Wing, 425-747-5924). Minutes of the November 11, 2003, meeting were approved, with correction of e-mail address for Jewish Family Service to myeager@jfsseattle.org. Gay and Dave Ross will vacation in Mexico, then spend two years in a mission for their church.

TREASURER'S REPORT. (Nadine Shannon, 425-746-6019) (attached). Contributions from congregations, cities, King County, and United Way totaled \$19,079. Expenses included payments to Catholic Community Services for August, September, and October of \$28,733. Balance on hand, as of November 30, 2003, is \$65,650.


ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Russell requested signup for opening and closing prayers in January.

Geoff Ethelston reported that members of the Religious Leaders Task Force of the King County Alliance for Human Services lobbied the King County Council to maintain the same level of human service funding. He emphasized the importance of continued advocacy, through the Washington Association of Churches <www.thewac.org>

OTHER BUSINESS. None.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m., following closing prayer by Rick Russell.


Sally Wing
Secretary Pro Tem

EISCC Financial Report November 1-31

Opening Balance		\$76,313.22	
Income:			
Grants	17,323.10		
Congregations	1,591.82		
Individual	100.00		
Annual Dues	50.00		
Interest	65.40		
Total Income	19,130.32	<u>\$19,130.32</u>	
			\$95,443.54
Expenses:			
EISCC:			
Printing /Postage	109.54		
CFH:			
10 th Anniversary Luncheon	257.00		
CCS, Aug, Sept, Oct	<u>28,733.00</u>		
Total Expenses		<u>(\$29,099.54)</u>	
			\$66,344.00
Ending Balance			\$66,344.00