From: Wayne Spohn

Date: 2/2/2007 12:23:45 PM

Subject: FW: EISCC Meeting, Tues, 2-13, minutes and financial report



NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 13, 2007, "Immigration Issues", in the Chapel Lounge, First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue.

## EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL MINUTES P. O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662 January 9, 2007

WELCOME: Chairperson Marilyn Rands opened the meeting at 12:05 PM at the First Presbyterian Church Lounge. Prayer was given by Rev. Rick Russell.

MINUTES: Bill Wassberg (425-649-9353). The minutes for the December 12, 2006 meeting were approved. Bill announced that he would be leaving the area because his wife was being transferred to San Antonio, Texas and asked if anyone would be interested in replacing him as the Recording Secretary.

TREASURED'S REPORT: Pat McDermott (425-643-7759) reported that Receipts for the month of December exceeded Disbursements by a little over \$6425.00. Cash balances at month end total about \$93,287.00.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by 20 persons and 1 guest.

CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS: Steve Roberts (206-295-7803) reported that the shelter was full and several people are on the waiting list. Currently, the men are being housed at the Redmond United Methodist Church and that they will be moving to St. Luke Lutheran Church of Bellevue in February. Steve outlined the grants that Congregations For The Homeless had received recently.

EASTSIDE EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND: Mark Brown e-mail: markb@hopelink.org, (425) 943-7556. Mark Brown of Hopelink thanked everyone present for their efforts to help Hopelink to continue. He outlined their December including the power outage and how they were able to keep their doors open to distribute Christmas gifts and additional resources to those that called. Mark announced that Juan Hernandez has accepted the officer manager's position and will be reporting in February.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Mary Martin e-mail: mary@habitatatekc.org, (425)869-6007. Mary Martin of Habitat for Humanity thanked everyone present for their continuing help in their program. Mary had a great Power Point presentation of work here on the Eastside. She mentioned on who well the Interfaith community has come together to help. She was very impressed on how each faith brought their traditions and food to share with each other for the common good.

An announcement period took place.

CLOSING PRAYER: The closing prayer was given by Rev. Robert Henre of Redmond United Methodist Church.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM.

William W. Wassberg, Co-Secretary

## EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL ACTIVITY REPORT - ALL FUNDS

DECEMBER 31, 2006	For the	Year to
	Month	Date
Congregations for the Homeless		
Beginning Fund Balance	97,412.17	98,570.47
Receipts		
Contributions from Congregations (Sch 1)	1,241.67	38,967.27
City and County Grants (Sch 2)	875.00	66,661.00
ESAP and FEMA Grants	0.00	13,270.50
United Way Grants & Designations	1,590.29	27,407.34
Other Contributions (Sch 3)	280.00	9,169.92
Interest Income	275.06	2,018.75
Total Receipts	4,262.02	157,494.78
Disbursements		
Hopelink	10,695.00	161,120.00
Other (Sch 4)	0.00	3,966.06
Total Disbursements	10,695.00	165,086.06
Ending Fund Balance - Includes Nadine	90,979.19	90,979.19
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From: Wayne Spohn

Date: 3/2/2007 2:00:18 PM

Subject: EISCC Meeting March 13th, Minutes, Financials

Feb. 2007

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, March 13, 2007, *Immigration Regulations and Resources* and *YWCA Women's Drop-In Center*, in the Chapel Lounge, First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue.

#### **EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL MINUTES**

P. O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662 February 13, 2007

**WELCOME:** Chairperson Rick Russell opened the meeting at 12:05 PM at the First Presbyterian Church Lounge. Prayer was given by Rev. Rick Russell.

MINUTES: Bill Wassberg (425-649-9353). The minutes for the January 9, 2007 meeting were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Pat McDermott (425-643-7759) reported that Receipts for the month of January exceeded Disbursements by a little over \$20,674.00. Cash balances at month end total about \$113,961.00.

**SELF-INTRODUCTIONS** were made by 22 persons and 8 guests.

**CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS:** Steve Roberts (206-295-7803) reported that the shelter was full and several people are on the waiting list. Currently, the men are being housed at the St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Bellevue; they will be moving to St. Mathew's in Renton for March.

**IMMIGRATION ISSUES:** Steve Miller from the Law Firm of Cowan, Miller & Lederman (e-mail: ssmiller@cmvisa.com 206-340-1033) presented a very enlightening talk on the current state of Immigration policy and some of the short comings. He went into great detail on the issues surrounding immigration and possible changes. Steve concluded his presentation with a question and answer session.

An announcement period took place.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** The closing prayer was given by Sally Wing.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM.

William W. Wassberg, Co-Secretary

### EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL ACTIVITY REPORT - ALL FUNDS

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Beginning Fund Balance	90,979.19	90,979.19		
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City and County Grants (Sch 2)	15,438.00	15,438.00		
ESAP and FEMA Grants	1.849.50	1,849.50		
United Way Grants & Designations	291.30	291.30		
Rent Buydowns (Sch 3)	8.400.00	8,400.00		
Other Contributions (Sch 4)	9,485.00	9,485.00		
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Disbursements				
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From: Wayne Spohn

Date: 4/6/2007 9:40:55 PM

2007 Subject: FW: April EISCC Meeting, March minutes

#### EISCC - MINUTES - MEETING OF MARCH 13, 2007

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 10, 2007, Noon to 1:30pm in the Chapel Lounge, First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue. Immigration Issues. Guest will be Debbie Lacey from Eastside Refugee & Immigration Coalition (ERIC).

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL MINUTES P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662 March 13, 2007

WELCOME: Co-president Marilyn Rands opened the meeting at 12:05 at the First Presbyterian Church Lounge. Prayer was given by Rev. Steve Lucas of First Congregational Church of Bellevue.

MINUTES: Brian Anderson (425-653-1652). The minutes for the February 13, 2007 meeting were approved.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Joy Pocasangre (good4me1@earthlink.org) reported on two events to be held in Seattle on March 18th to observe the 4th anniversary of the U.S. invasion of Iraq.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat McDermott (425-649-7759) reported that receipts for the month of February exceeded disbursements by \$6,714. Cash balances increased to a month end total of \$120,937.

CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS REPORT: Steve Roberts (206-295-7803) reported that the shelter is currently ensconced at St. Matthew's Lutheran in Renton and will be moving in April to First Presbyterian Church in Bellevue. He also reported that Congregations for the Homeless is looking for office space and asked member congregations with space to either donate or lease to contact him.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by 22 members and 2 quests.

#### PROGRAM:

YWCA EASTSIDE EMERGENCY SERVICES DROP-IN CENTER: Helen Leuzzi of First Congregational Church of Bellevue introduced YWCA East King County Regional Director Elizabeth Westburg (425-556-1350; westburg@ywcaworks.org) who reported on the work of the Eastside Women's Center (425-241-8711), a new homeless women's drop-in program located at First Congregational center in downtown Bellevue. Open Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 3 p.m., services provided there include hot meals and snacks, laundry facilities, showers, computer and internet access, phones, and access to an employment specialist and a specialist in crisis intervention. (In addition, work-quality clothing is available from the YWCA's Working Wardrobe in Redmond. For more information call 425-556-1354). Volunteer opportunities with the drop-in center are available and interested persons should call them at 425-421-8711.

In addition to partnering with YWCA Eastside Emergency Services in creating the drop-in center, First Congregational Church of Bellevue has also made \$20,000 available to them to establish a new interim housing initiative designed to provide homeless women on the Eastside with safe, decent and affordable places to live. This program will be leasing apartments in Bellevue and making them available to qualified individuals at no or low-cost rent, helping them to stabilize their situations as they seek permanent housing. A goal of raising an additional \$25,000 has been set to make this important ministry a reality. EISCC member congregations are urged to consider how they can help

BELLEVUE CROP WALK: Bellevue Crop Walk Coordinator Nancy Bent (425-957-4756) reported that

the annual Bellevue Crop Walk will take place on May 19, 2007. That day hundreds will take to the streets of downtown Bellevue to raise money to support Church World Service's efforts to feed hungry people both right here on the Eastside and across the globe. Participating congregations are asked to appoint recruiters who can attend a training meeting that will be held on Saturday, April 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at First Congregational Church of Bellevue's Bradford Center (700 - 108th Ave NE in downtown Bellevue). Crop Walk is an event that not only feeds those who hunger, but which also builds community and rejuvenates the spirit. For more information please visit their website at http://www.bellevuecropwalk.org.

MEMBER ANNOUCEMENTS: Members were given the opportunity to make announcements. Among those made were:

NAMI (The National Alliance for Mental Illness) will be holding NAMI Walks—A Walk with NAMI for the Mind of America—on Saturday, May 19th at Magnuson Park in Seattle. Check in time will be 9:00 a.m. For more information call NAMI Eastside at (425) 885-6364.

The Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle & King County announces their Spring Baby Shower collecting infant formula and jars of baby food. For more information call (425) 653-1652 or visit www.emergencyfeeding.org.

CLOSING PRAYER: A closing prayer was said by Rev. Tara Barber of First Congregational Church of Bellevue.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Submitted by Brian Anderson, Recording Secretary

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From: Wayne Sponn

Date: 5/8/2007 10:32:30 AM

Subject: FW: EISCC Meeting notice, April minutes, March financial report, Emergency

Services Directory

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 8, 2007, 12:00 – 1:30 PM in the Chapel Lounge, First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue. featuring a presentation from LDS Employment Services.

Please note: Members are being reminded that those wishing to make announcements at EISCC meetings should provide written notification prior to the start of the meeting. Announcements can be emailed to Co-secretary Brian Anderson at briansueanderson@hotmail.com. Members are also encouraged to bring flyers or other informative materials to hand out to those in attendance.

#### Attached: new Eastside Emergency Services Directory

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL MINUTES
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
April 10, 2007

WELCOME: The meeting was opened with prayer by EISCC Co-Chair Rev. Rick Russell, pastor of Eastgate Congregational United Church of Christ.

MINUTES: Brian Anderson (425-653-1652). The minutes from the March 13, 2007 meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat McDermott (425-649-7759) reported that receipts for the month of February exceeded disbursements by \$10,330. Cash balances decreased to a month end total of \$110,707.

CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS REPORT: Steve Roberts (206-295-7803) reported that the shelter is currently ensconced at First Presbyterian Church in Bellevue and will be moving to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in May. Congregations for the Homeless is currently reviewing several offers of office space and will be deciding soon on where they will be moving. Donations of office furniture would be appreciated. Please contact Steve if you have furniture of reasonable quality to donate.

SELF INTRODUCTIONS were made by 27 members and guests.

PROGRAM: EASTSIDE REFUGEE & IMMIGRATION COALITION (ERIC). Debbie Lacy (206-709-3948 or ericleaders@cisc-seattle.org) reported on the work of the Eastside Refugee & Immigration Coalition.

Over the years, ERIC has grown to a membership of over 200 people representing 31 agencies and primarily serves as a resource for providers and other community members who work with immigrant and refugee populations in East King County. ERIC publishes Helpful Connections, an invaluable multilingual resource guide for Eastside immigrants and refugees. Available in Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, Korean, and Chinese, Helpful Connections provides a wide range of information on subjects ranging from banking and children's education to neighborhood activities and social services. The guide is designed to be more than a mere telephone and address directory. Each of its 22 sections begins with a useful description targeting people who are unfamiliar with U.S. culture and service, making a true guiding hand for those who face not only the challenges of low income, but of adapting to a new and land. Copies of this guide are made available at Eastside public school, city halls, and certain King County Library branches. Interested faith communities and agencies can obtain free copies of the guide in any language by downloading from

http://www.eastsideforum.org/guides.htm or picking them up directly at the Kirkland Parks and Community Services offices at 505 Market Street, Kirkland, 98033.

More recently, ERIC developed a new pilot project for the Eastside based on a "cultural navigator" model of service that utilizes bilingual/bicultural staff as liaisons between immigrants and resources, assisting immigrants and refugees who need information about available resources as well as hands-on help accessing and navigating services. Initial languages for the pilot include Vietnamese, Russian, Spanish, and Chinese (Mandarin and/or Cantonese). Cultural Navigators are available for drop-in appointments at community hubs. These Cultural Navigators also respond and follow-up with messages left on the language-specific voicemail lines. The information maintained by the Cultural Navigators is useful not only to individuals and families, but also to providers and seeking interpreters and cultural experts. For a map of all Eastside locations with hours and languages available, please go to <a href="http://www.zeesource.net/maps/map.do?group=32495">http://www.zeesource.net/maps/map.do?group=32495</a>.

If you'd like more information about ERIC and how it serves the Eastside's immigrant and refugee population, you can request sign up to receive their email newsletter by sending them an email to ericleaders@hotmail.com.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS: Members are reminded that those wishing to make announcements at future EISCC meetings should provide written notification prior to the start of the meeting.

Announcements can be emailed to Co-secretary Brian Anderson at briansueanderson@hotmail.com.

Members are also encouraged to bring flyers or other informative materials to hand out to those in attendance.

Members were then given the opportunity to make announcements. Among those made were:

CONGREGATIONS FOR KIDS is gearing up for its twelfth annual Good Start Back to School project this summer with drives for new school supplies conducted mainly within Bellevue congregations. Last year, 23 congregations, two service organizations, a charity, a thrift shop, and a corporation participated, resulting in 1045 new backpacks filled with supplies tailored for each grade level (kindergarten through high school) being distributed to needy kids in our community. For information on how you can be part of this year's effort, please contact Nancy Jacobs, Congregations for Kids Steering Committee chair at 425-883-6406 or bnjacobs@verizon.net.

THE EASTSIDE WOMEN'S CENTER is looking for volunteers to help provide hot lunches Monday through Friday. For more information or to sign-up, contact outreach@fccbellevue.org.

BELLEVUE CROP WALK will take place May19, 2007. Crop Walk is an event that not only feeds those who hunger, but which also builds community and rejuvenates the spirit. For more information please visit their website at <a href="http://www.bellevuecropwalk.org">http://www.bellevuecropwalk.org</a> <a href="http://www.bellevuecropwalk.org">http://www.bellevuecropwalk.org</a>.

Earth Ministry is co-sponsoring the INTERFAITH CREATION FESTIVAL a four day gathering to be held May 31 - June 3, 2007 in Seattle. This interfaith, multicultural gathering will "celebrate the richness of our sacred traditions Creation, affirming our interconnectedness in the web of life, and equipping us for action." The event will include keynote addresses by nationally recognized leaders, worship, workshops, celebrations, and resources for action. This will launch a year of interfaith dialogue and action, uniting the efforts of individuals, faith communities, civic organizations, businesses and government to bring healing to the Earth. For more information please call 206-311-4004 or visit www.interfaithcreationfest.org <a href="http://www.interfaithcreationfest.org/">http://www.interfaithcreationfest.org/</a>.

CLOSING PRAYER: A closing prayer was offering by Dr. Sally Wing of Grace Lutheran Church.

## EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL ACTIVITY REPORT - ALL FUNDS

	1, 2007	For the Month	Year to Date
Congrega	ations for the Homeless		
Beginning F	und Balance	118,052.62	90,979.19
Receipts			
, accounted	Contributions from Congregations (Sch 1)	1,419.99	10,715.09
	City and County Grants (Sch 2)	0.00	15,900.50
	ESAP and FEMA Grants	616.50	2,466.00
	United Way Grants & Designations	1,378.33	3,366.95
	Rent Buydowns (Sch 3)	0.00	8,400.00
	Other Contributions (Sch 4)	50.00	11,032,47
	Interest Income	314.81	940.93
	Total Receipts	3,779.63	52,821.94
Disburseme	nts		
	Hopelink	13,670.00	35,060.00
	Rent Buydowns	400.00	680.00
	Other (Sch 5)	50.00	348.88
	Total Disbursements	14,120.00	36,088.88
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From: Susan Dewitt

To: **EISCC** 

6/5/2007 2:09:55 PM Date:

Subject: EISCC Meeting on June 12th, minutes and financial report was a second as a second

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 12, 2007, How Can EISCC Better Support Its Member Congregations? This will be an exciting opportunity to share your ideas on how to help EISCC serve you better. We're hoping for a great turnout and great conversation as we all work together to support outreach on the Eastside.

#### **EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL MINUTES**

P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662 May 8, 2007

WELCOME: Co-president Marilyn Rands opened the meeting. Prayer was offered by Karen Mae Smith of St. Madeleine Sophie Catholic Church. Use 15 January A To premium and recommendation and the comment of the comment

**MINUTES:** Brian Anderson (425-653-1652). The minutes for the April 10, 2007 meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat McDermott (425-649-7759) reported that disbursements for the month of April exceeded receipts by \$8,450.84, so month end cash balances decreased to 102,256.54. Pat also reported that reminder notices had been sent out to member agencies and congregations that still owe EISCC dues for 2007.

**CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS REPORT:** Sterling Bentsen reported that the number of men currently served by the shelter is down slightly, likely due to additional requirements that have been imposed reflecting the fact that the shelter is meant to be transitional. He recounted several success stories—five men have been moved into subsidized permanent housing; others have found apartments on their own after their stays with the program. The shelter is moving to Cross of Christ Lutheran on June 1st. Congregations for the Homeless is currently reviewing applications for a full-time Case Manager and there continues to be a need for a larger trailer for the program.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by 21 members and quests.

PROGRAM: LDS EMPLOYMENT SERVICES. Larry Clark, Regional Manager, LDS Employment Services (425-687-6942; clark@ldsmail.net.)

LDS Employment Services is an international organization with more than 250 centers operating worldwide and eight centers right here in Western Washington. Volunteers from LDS Employment Services visit employers learning about job opportunities and educating these employers about what the program can offer them. Any congregation wishing to help members who are unemployed or underemployed are welcome to use the many resources available at the LDS Employment Services website www.providentliving.org <a href="http://www.providentliving.org/">http://www.providentliving.org/</a>. Click on the "Employment" tab for job postings, links to community resources, business support programs, and information about financial aid, as well practical advice like interview tips and personal assessment strategies that will help individuals successfully land a satisfying job. LDS Employment Services helped place over 3,000 people in jobs last year in Western Washington alone.

LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE REPORT: Joy Pocasangre of Temple De Hirsch Sinai (good4me1@earthlink.net) reported on efforts to lobby Representative Dave Reichert in support of HR 1707, a bill making its way through the U.S. Congress that would suspend operations at the School of the Americas (since renamed WHINSEC), and investigate the history of human rights abuses and failed policies of this tax supported, U.S. institution. More information about the bill and the School of the Americas is available through School of the Americas Watch at www.soawatch.org <a href="http://www.soawatch.org/">http://www.soawatch.org/">http://www.soawatch.org/</a>. EISCC members are encouraged to contact Congressman Reichert's Constituent Services Representative at (206) 275-3438.

Joy also recommended an article written by Rabbi Anson Laytner, Executive Director of the Greater Seattle Chapter of the American Jewish Committee that appeared in the May 1, 2007 edition of the Seattle P.I. The article is entitled "Keep State out of Marriage Business, Same-Sex or Otherwise," and can be viewed at

http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/opinion/313747\_samesex01.html.

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**HEARTS AND HAMMERS:** Sandy Lewis of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection reported on the success the annual Hearts and Hammers day held May 6 & 7, 2007. This is an annual blitz during which nearly 100 volunteers from four different faith communities (Church of the Resurrection, Cross of Christ, and St. Louise on Saturday and Temple B'nai Torah on Sunday) repair and rehabilitate the homes of folks physically or financially unable to do so without help. A contact will be announced shortly for EISCC member congregations desiring information on how they can set up similar programs.

Sandy also reports that Tent City IV, the Eastside homeless encampment, will be moving to the Church of the Resurrection Saturday, May 19, 2007.

The EASTSIDE WOMEN'S CENTER—located at First Congregational Church of Bellevue—is in need of faith communities to volunteer to provide lunches in the months of August through December 2007. The center, which serves homeless women, is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. They are asking for a commitment to provide lunches for a month; a week; or four meals over the course of the month (for example every Tuesday for a month). The lunches should serve 12 to 15 individuals and should consist of a hot dish, fruit, salad, juice, and dessert. Congregations are asked to share information about this unique service opportunity with their members through announcements, newsletter articles, and bulletin notices. To volunteer, please contact Virginia Drever at centerlunches@fccbellevue.org or (425) 746-2795.

CLOSING PRAYER: A closing prayer was said by Rev. Rick Russell of Eastgate Congregational United Church of Christ.

Submitted by Brian Anderson, Recording Secretary and James and Advanced and Advance

## EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL ACTIVITY REPORT - ALL FUNDS

MAY 31, 2	2007	For the Month	Year to Date
Congrega	ations for the Homeless		
Beginning F	und Balance	99,519.47	90,979.19
Receipts			
	Contributions from Congregations (Sch 1)	3,099.98	13,815.07
	City and County Grants (Sch 2)	23,184.00	39,084.50
	ESAP and FEMA Grants	3,880.20	6,962.70
	United Way Grants & Designations	1.779.27	7,932.88
	Rent Buydowns (Sch 3)	0.00	8,400.00
	Other Contributions (Sch 4)	0.00	11,032,47
	Interest Income	305.31	1,530.12
	Total Receipts	32,248.76	88,757.74
Disburseme	nts		
	Hopelink	11,290.00	57,640.00
	Rent Buydowns	550.00	1,705.00
	Other (Sch 5)	0.00	463.70
	Total Disbursements	11,840.00	59,808.70
Ending Fund	Balance - Includes Nadine	119,928.23	119,928.23
Snannon	Memorial Fund Balance of \$4,446.		
General F	und EISSC		
Beginning F	und Balance	3,020.95	2,307.84
Receipts			
	Dues (Sch 6)	305.00	1,075.00
	Interest	0.76	3.87
	Other	0.00	0.00
	Total Receipts	305.76	1,078.87
Disburseme	nts		
	Copies & Postage - Minutes	0.00	0.00
	Other (Sch 7)	0.00	60.00
	Total Disbursements	0.00	60.00
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From: Wayne Spohn

Date: 6/21/2007 8:14:25 PM

Subject: FW: Homelessness meeting, EISCC minutes

#### **EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL MINUTES**

P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662 June <u>12</u>, 2007

**WELCOME:** Co-presidents Marilyn Rands and Rick Russell opened the meeting. Prayer was offered by Sandy Lewis of Bellevue's Episcopal Church of the Resurrection.

MINUTES: Brian Anderson (425-653-1652). The minutes for the May 8, 2007 meeting were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Pat McDermott (425-649-7759) reported that receipts for the month of May exceeded disbursements by \$20,714. Cash balances increased to a month end total of \$123.255.

**CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS REPORT:** Steve Roberts (steveroberts@comcast.net) reported that the shelter is currently located at Christ the King Lutheran in Bellevue serving 26 to 28 homeless men and will be moving this month to St. Thomas Episcopal in Medina. The program is still in the process of hiring a full-time case manager. They are pleased to announce that Congregations for the Homeless has secured new office space and will be moving to the campus of Bellevue's Holy Cross Lutheran Church. In conjunction with the move and the exciting changes being made to the program as it establishes itself as a fully-independent agency, CFH is in the process of creating new websites for both their own program and for EISCC.

Congregations for the Homeless is please that Nadine Estep has stepped forward to volunteer her barber services for their guests once a month. Thank you to Marilynn Rand who did the recruiting.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by 25 members and guests.

**PROGRAM:** HOW CAN EISCC BETTER SUPPORT CONGREGATIONAL OUTREACH? Rev. Dr. Rick Russell (425-746-2411 or myrtos@comcast.net)

A lively discussion of the program topic centered on three questions:

#### A. How can EISCC support congregational outreach?

- 1. EISCC can serve as a forum providing information about community needs, community services, and emergency services
- 2. Congregations can inform EISCC of their needs and projects which serve as ideas and inspiration for others.
- 3. A directory of volunteer opportunities could be created listing projects being undertaken or supported by EISCC member congregations with names of contact persons and phone numbers. This directory might be best available on the upcoming EISCC website.
- 4. The Website could also include: congregation and agency listings with links to their own websites, a column penned each month by a congregation profiling them and their upcoming or ongoing projects, links to organizations that track legislation or offer "action alerts" that would be of interest to EISCC congregations, and the latest update of the EISCC Eastside Emergency Services Directory.

#### B. Is EISCC's mission statement an accurate reflection of its ministry?

EISCC's current mission statement reads as follows:

We, Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council, believe that we are guided by the moving of God's spirit in our community to work together in a spirit of caring and celebration. We honor and respect each other's religious heritages, welcome and pray for each other, and share information about pressing community needs.

We provide a forum to educate, advocate, initiate, coordinate, support and through task forces and other means, work for the common good of the Eastside community to address human need and improve the quality of life.

Some comments/suggestions for change included:

- 1. Should the word "God" be replace with "Almighty" in recognition of that not all Eastside religions use this word to refer to the Supreme Being?
- 2. Should the phrase "work for the common good" be further defined by adding the words "addressing human needs in a concrete manner?"
- 3. When asked to identify phrases in the statement that are most important, members mentioned, "respect other religious heritages," "educate and advocate," and "we are guided by God's spirit" which sets EISCC apart from other more secular groups that attempt to meet human needs and work for the common good.
- 4. Should the phrase "support or promote understanding and interfaith cooperation" be added to the statement?
- 5. Overall, the statement should attempt to succinctly answer the questions, "Why are we here?" and "What is our purpose?"

### C. How can EISCC programs be made more useful for member congregations? What can EISCC representatives do?

- EISCC could better provide information to congregations that they might want to include in their bulletins or newsletters.
- 2. The minutes from EISCC meeting could be distributed in a timelier manner so that the information contained therein is more current and could be used in bulletins and other announcements.
- 3. Representatives are strongly encouraged to report each month on things discussed at EISCC meetings to their board, staff, clergy or more generally through newsletters and other means. This information should be as specific as possible, including dates, phone numbers, etc.
- 4. EISCC member congregations should share with EISCC the projects that they have undertaken and what they have learned from those projects in sharing information projects they will be undertaking and inviting the participation of other EISCC congregations.
- 5. Details of upcoming programs should be shared prior to scheduled meetings to increase congregational interest and participation.
- 6. A list of program presenters, their topics, and their contact information could be added to the website.
- 7. Speakers should be encouraged to inform EISCC members how they can help their causes in ways other than only donating money.
- 8. EISCC members should be encouraged to invite others from their congregations (both lay members and clergy) to EISCC meetings.

This is hardly an exhaustive list of possible ways to improve the way that EISCC supports the efforts of its member congregations in their ministries to help make the Eastside a better place for all its residents. EISCC members are encouraged to continue thinking about what EISCC can do better or differently and to share those thoughts with Co-presidents Marilyn Rands (425-746-5249 or gmrands@comcast.net) or Rev. Rick Russell (425-746-2411 or myrtos@comcast.net).

**LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE REPORT:** Joy Pocasangre of Temple De Hirsch Sinai (good4me1@earthlink.net) encourages EISCC members to continue to make their voices heard in support of HR 1707, a bill making its way through the U.S. Congress that would suspend operations at the School of the Americas (since renamed WHINSEC), and investigate the history of human rights abuses and failed policies of this tax supported, U.S. institution. More information about the bill and the School of the Americas is available through School of the Americas Watch at www.soawatch.org <a href="http://www.soawatch.org/">http://www.soawatch.org/</a> . EISCC members are encouraged to contact their congressmen urging their support of the bill which is currently stalled in committee.

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**BRIDGE MINISTRIES:** Bridge Ministries, an Eastside non-profit ecumenical organization that seeks to "build a bridge between people with disabilities and churches, social and government agencies, and society at large" has a variety of volunteer opportunities available on an on-going basis. This include relational opportunities like "Friend to Friend" and "Circle of Friends," as well as support opportunities helping clean and refurbish

durable medical equipment, volunteering in their office, and helping with special events. For more information about how you can share your gifts, please contact Colleen Dodson at .425-828-1431, ex. 113 or colleend@bridgemin.org.

Bridge Ministries is also available to help congregations make their communities more open, accessible, and welcoming places for people with disabilities. This can be done not only in terms of the physical accessibility of buildings, but by finding ways of incorporating people with disabilities into the full social life of the church. For more information about how Bridge Ministries can help your faith community better address this important social justice need, please contact Rev. Donna Whitmore at 425-828-1431 ex. 108 or donnaw@bridgemin.org

**HEARTS AND HAMMERS:** Sandy Lewis of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection announced that a garage sale will be held September 22, 2007 to benefit their Hearts and Hammers program which helps repair and rehabilitate the homes of folks physically or financially unable to do so without assistance. For more information, please call the church at 425-746-0322.

**THE SALVATION ARMY EASTSIDE CORPS** announced that they still have a few openings in their summer camp program. Camp Arnold is located in the foothills of Mt. Rainier and "uses nature and the great outdoors as a setting to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, teach environmental awareness, encourage pro-social behavior and safely provide opportunity to every camper for fun and adventure. Financial assistance is available for lower-income families who wish to attend. For more information please contact Sierra Wagner at 425-452-7300 or sierra\_wagner@usw.sarmy.org.

THE EMERGENCY FEEDING PROGRAM OF SEATTLE & KING COUNTY announces their Summer Food Drive. Congregations are encouraged to collect donations of peanut butter, tuna fish and SPAM. Donations of emergency food are especially important in the summer when the end of free or subsidized school lunches can mean hunger for school-aged children. A downloadable flyer is available on the EFP website (www.emergencyfeeding.org <a href="http://www.emergencyfeeding.org/">http://www.emergencyfeeding.org/</a>). For more information on how your congregation can help combat summer hunger, please call 206-329-0300.

**THE EASTSIDE WOMEN'S CENTER**—located at First Congregational Church of Bellevue—is still in need of faith communities to volunteer to provide lunches in the months of August through December 2007. The center, which serves homeless women, is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. They are asking for a commitment to provide lunches for a month; a week; or four meals over the course of the month (for example every Tuesday for a month). The lunches should serve 12 to 15 individuals and should consist of a hot dish, fruit, salad, juice, and dessert. Congregations are asked to share information about this unique service opportunity with their members through announcements, newsletter articles, and bulletin notices. To volunteer, please contact Virginia Drever at centerlunches@fccbellevue.org or (425) 746-2795.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** A closing prayer was offered by Rev. Rick Russell of Eastgate Congregational United Church of Christ.

Submitted by Brian Anderson, Recording Secretary

#### EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662 JULY 10, 2007

<u>NEXT MEETING</u>: Tuesday, September 11, 2007, 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m. "Congregations for the Homeless: Vision for the Future." Steve Roberts and other representatives from Congregations for the Homeless. Chapel Lounge, First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE (Room 315, entered through upper parking lot on NE 17<sup>th</sup> Street, off 100<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE; or elevator service to Chapel Lounge level from lower parking lot.

<u>WELCOME and PRAYER</u>. Co-Chairperson Marilyn Rands (425-746-5249) opened the meeting with prayer by Joy Pocasangre (425-747-0877) in the Chapel Lounge at First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue.

<u>TREASURER</u>. Pat McDermott (425-643-7759) presented the treasurer's report (attached), noting that the first month's payment of \$2,335 for health insurance coverage for employees has been sent to Group Health Cooperative.

<u>CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS</u>. Steve Roberts (206-295-7803) reported that CFH will be located at Temple De Hirsch Sinai during August. Offices will move to Holy Cross Lutheran Church this week (mailing address: 4315-129<sup>th</sup> Place SE, Unit A, Bellevue 98006). A website is being developed and telephone numbers will remain the same.

EASTSIDE EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND: Report was made by Juan Hernandez, Hopelink (425-943-7559), which has provided services to low income families in north and east King County for 35 years. Hernandez reported that \$35,575 was contributed from 17 congregations to help people to become more self-reliant. Services to meet "greatest needs" included utilities and prescription medications, not otherwise covered, as well as eviction prevention and moving assistance. Hernandez stated that 183 community members have been provided with an average of \$240 each of assistance this fiscal year.

<u>SELF-INTRODUCTIONS</u> were made by 26 members and guests present.

PROGRAM. "Communities Count: Social and Health Indicators Across King County" was presented by Alex O'Reilly, City of Bellevue Human Services (425-452-6884 or aoreilly@bellevuewa.s.gov). She identified health, housing, and mental health as indicators for which progress is noted every three years in conditions valued by King County residents. (A complete report is available from Public Health – Seattle and King County, 206-296-6817.) Areas of improvement include crime, tobacco and alcohol use, and academic achievement. Areas needing attention include affordable housing income inequality, health insurance coverage, and physical activity. She noted that four in ten households pay more than 30% of their income on housing. An interactive website (www.communitiescount.org) is being developed to provide links to specific reports, for which questions can be directed to Sandy Ciske (206-296-2791).

<u>NOMINATING COMMITTEE</u>. Since all current officers have agreed to serve again, the slate will be presented in September for voting in October. Additional nominations may be made.

MISSION STATEMENT. Proposed revisions during the June meeting resulted in this statement (which can certainly be further revised): We, Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council, believe that we are guided by the moving of God's spirit in our community to work together in a spirit of caring and celebration. We honor and respect each others' religious heritages, welcome and pray for each other, and share information about pressing community needs.

We provide a forum for education, advocacy and support of our congregations work for the common good of the Eastside community to address human needs and improve the quality of life.

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>. Tent City 4 will move to The Community Church of Issaquah at 205 Mountain Park Blvd. SW, Issaquah 98027 on August 11 for a three-month stay. Meals (for about 75 people) may be scheduled through Karyn Akishin (425-235-4842 or <a href="kakishin4842@msn.com">kakishin4842@msn.com</a>). Other donations and volunteer services can be scheduled with Elizabeth Maupin (425-392-6447 or <a href="mailto:elipeter@juno.com">elipeter@juno.com</a>).

NAMI-Eastside (National Alliance for Mentally III) publishes a newsletter which included telephone numbers and/or websites for helpful organizations. Information is available at 425-885-6264 or <a href="mailto:info@nami-eastside.org">info@nami-eastside.org</a>

Joy Pocasangre (425-747-0877 or good4mel@earthlink.net) is actively involved in NESES (Nios Estudiando El Salvador), which supports education in El Salvador. She noted that the Combined Fund Drive has accepted NESES for contributions.

Contributions designated for EISCC Eastside Emergency Services Fund may be sent to Hopelink, 14812 Main Street, Bellevue WA 98007.

If you would like to receive minutes by snail mail, please give Sally Wing (425-747-5924) your mailing address.

Since we are working on a website for EISCC, please let us know what you would like included, in particular for the benefit of new members.

<u>CLOSING PRAYER</u> was led by Betty Spohn (425-451-3651), after which the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

There will be no meeting in August. Approval of minutes for both the June 16 and July 10 meetings will be on the agenda in September.

Sally Wing Secretary Pro Tem

#### EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL ACTIVITY REPORT - ALL FUNDS

JUNE 30, 20	007	For the Month	Year to Date
Congregat	ions for the Homeless		
Beginning Fur		119,928.23	90,979.19
Receipts			
p.i.	Contributions from Congregations (Sch 1)	499.99	14,315.06
	City and County Grants (Sch 2)	0.00	39,084.50
	ESAP and FEMA Grants	0.00	6,962.70
	United Way Grants & Designations	1,485.01	9,417.89
	Rent Buydowns (Sch 3)	0.00	8,400.00
	Other Contributions (Sch 4)	0.00	11,032.47
	Interest Income	320.53	1,850.65
	Total Receipts	2,305.53	91,063.27
Disbursemen	ts		
	Hopelink	11,290.00	68,930.00
	Rent Buydowns	635.00	2,340.00
	Other (Sch 5)	3,281.73	3,745.43
	Total Disbursements	15,206.73	75,015.43
Ending Fund I	Balance - Includes Nadine	107,027.03	107,027.03
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Beginning Fu		3,326.71	2,307.84
Receipts			
Receipts	Dues (Sch 6)	120.00	1,195.00
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	Other	0.00	0.00
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	Total Receipts	121.10	1,199.97
Disbursemen	te		
Disbui semen	Copies & Postage - Minutes	0.00	0.00
	Other (Sch 7)	0.00	60.00
	Total Disbursements	0.00	60.00
Ending Fund	Balance	3,447.81	3,447.81
Total Reginnin	ng Fund Balance	123.254.94	93,287.03
Total Receipts		2,426.63	92,263.24
Total Disburse		-15,206.73	-75,075.43
Total Ending f		110,474.84	110,474.84
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Cash Balance WAMU - Chec		3.990.34	0.00
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# EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL MINUTES P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662 September 11, 2007

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 9, 2007 - EISCC Member Agency Presentations. The first of a two-part series, this is your opportunity to come learn about the work that ESICC member agencies are doing in our community and how you and your congregation can partner with them this coming holiday season and throughout the year. (This meeting is expected to run from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m., slightly longer than normal.)

**WELCOME:** Co-president Marilyn Rands opened the meeting. Prayer was offered by Joy Pocasangre of Temple De Hirsch Sinai.

**MINUTES:** Brian Anderson (425-653-1652). The minutes for the June 12 and July 10, 2007 meetings were approved.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by 29 members and guests.

#### PROGRAM: CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

CFH Executive Director Steve Roberts (206-295-7803; steve@cfhomeless.org) reported on the exciting changes that the program has experienced in the last year. The program has successfully transitioned to the status of a fully independent nonprofit agency. The staff has grown with the addition two case managers, a housing director, and a human resources staff member. The program has moved into new offices located at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Factoria (mailing address: 4315 129<sup>th</sup> Place, #A100, Bellevue, WA 98006). They are a member of the Eastside Homelessness Advisory Committee and participated in the drafting of a soon-to-published report on preventing and ending homelessness in East King County. You can now visit CFH on the web at <a href="www.cfhomeless.org">www.cfhomeless.org</a>. But the primary change over the last year is that Congregations for the Homeless has changed its focus from providing temporary shelter for homeless men on the Eastside to a focus on providing permanent, supportive housing for its clients.

According to Steve, the defining need on the Eastside is the lack of available housing. CFH has money available for rent buy-downs and other subsidies, but not enough rental units are available even at full rent. The main thing that EISCC member congregations and other supporters of CFH can do is to encourage landlords to accept CFH clients as tenants. If landlords were to offer 10 percent of their existing units, at full rent, homelessness on the Eastside would be eliminated. These landlords just need the heart to make the relationship work.

And CFH works to do just that—to make the landlord/tenant relationship work for its clients. CFH case workers offer ongoing support to clients, helping them learn the skills they need to successfully transition to permanent housing and holding them accountable. CFH also offers landlords rent guarantees and a 24-hour phone service designed to address any problems they have with a CFH client within one day of receiving a complaint.

Pat McDermott, EISCC and CFH Treasurer (425-649-7759), reported that Congregations for the Homeless ended the month of July with some \$118,000 in the bank and continued to operate very strong financially.

Paul Tomlinson, Director of Life Coaching reported that there are currently 13 life coaches volunteering with CFH. More are needed. Paul also introduced CFH's two new fulltime case workers, Christine White and John Boyce. Paul explained that CFH clients are told when they come into the program that they will be allowed six months in the shelter. As soon as they come in they have an assessment and after 2 months they are asked to show that they have an employment plan in place that will enable them to transition to permanent housing. With both a case worker and life coach assisting them, clients are both supported and held accountable.

CFH Program Manager David Johns Bowling explained the intake process and how incoming clients are interviewed to determine that they are ready for the program and its requirements.

Congregations for the Homeless is available to talk to congregations about they can partner to end homelessness on the Eastside and make a dramatic, life-changing difference in the lives of our marginalized neighbors. CFH continues to need additional life coaches to work one-on-one with CFH clients. CFH will provide the necessary training. (Note: because CFH offers services exclusively to homeless men, most life coaches are also men.)

Please contact Steve at 206-295-7803 or steve@cfhomeless.org for more information.

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TOGETHER WE BUILD: Together We Build is an Interfaith Coalition of Jewish, Muslim, and Christian faith communities seeking to find common ground and to learn from one another. Since 2002, they have worked to build houses for low-income families in East King County. The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual TWB project for Habitat for Humanity will take place at Snoqualmie Ridge on two consecutive weekends—October 19-21 and October 25-27, 2007. You can participate in TWB by either signing up through one of the participating faith communities (Aldersgate United Methodist Church; Bellevue Christian Church; Eastgate Congregational United Church of Christ; Ithnasheri Muslim Association of the Northwest; Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church; St. Joseph Catholic Church; St. Thomas Episcopal Church; Temple B'nai Torah). For further information, please see their website at <a href="https://www.togetherwebuild.org">www.togetherwebuild.org</a> or call Carol Ready at 425-747-8783.

**CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS:** CFH is need of blankets and new, adult white athletic socks. Please contact David Johns Bowling at 425-749-8369 or <a href="mailto:davidj@cfhomeless.org">davidj@cfhomeless.org</a> if you can help. *Or bring them to the next EISCC meeting*.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION (15220 Main St, Bellevue, WA 98007) will conduct their annual garage sale on September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m. The proceeds will benefit HEARTS AND HAMMERS, a program that helps repair and rehabilitate the homes of Eastside folks physically or financially unable to do so without assistance. For more information, please call the church at 425-746-0322.

**KATRINA RECONSTRUCTION:** Newport Presbyterian Church is looking for interested individuals to join a small group who will travel to D'Iberville, Mississippi in October to help with Katrina reconstruction. They will be working with an established group who will provide tools, materials and lodging for the volunteers. Another trip is planned for April 2008. For more information, contact Will Winslow at 425-271-2622 or winslow@comcast.net.

**THANKSGIVING INTERFAITH SERVICE:** Temple B'nai Torah is continuing its annual tradition by hosting an interfaith service the evening before Thanksgiving. Additional information will be available at the October EISCC meeting.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE – CANDLELIGHT VIGIL: A candlelight vigil will take place Friday, September 21, 2007 on the R Courtyard on the campus of Bellevue Community College from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in observance of the United Nations International Day of Peace. It will feature art projects, songs of peace, poetry readings and a world peace ceremony

MAYORS DAY OF CONCERN FOR THE HUNGRY FOOD DRIVE: The Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle & King County announces their annual Mayors' Day of Concern for the Hungry food drive will be held at area grocery stores from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 22, 2007.

**FALL BABY SHOWER:** The Emergency Feeding Program also asks congregations to collect and donate 28-oz cans of iron-enriched powered infant formula and jars of pure baby food (beef and chicken are most-needed) for their Fall Baby Shower. For more information about both Mayors' Day of Concern for the Hungry and the Fall Baby Shower contact EFP at 206-329-0300 or <a href="https://www.emergencyfeeding.org">www.emergencyfeeding.org</a>.

**NEW EISSC WEBSITE!!!** The Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns council is pleased to announce the launch of their new website. Visit EISCC on the web at <a href="www.eiscc.net">www.eiscc.net</a>. Although still a work in progress, the website will feature information about EISCC and its member congregations and agencies, easy access to the Eastside Emergency Services Directory, and an updated announcement page.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** A closing prayer was offered by Gary Schwab of Newport Presbyterian Church.

Submitted by Brian Anderson, Recording Secretary

## EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL MINUTES P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662 October 9, 2007

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 13, 2007 - EISCC Member Agency Presentations. The second of a two-part series, this is your opportunity to come learn about the work that ESICC member agencies are doing in our community and how you and your congregation can partner with them this coming holiday season and throughout the year. The Kindering Center, Eastside Baby Corner, the YWCA Eastside Women's Center, and NAMI Eastside are among the agencies scheduled to make presentations. (This meeting is expected to run from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m., slightly longer than normal.)

WELCOME: Co-president Rev. Rick Russell opened the meeting in prayer.

MINUTES: Brian Anderson (425-653-1652). The minutes for the September 11, 2007 meeting were approved. I be described in the september of the September 11 and the september 11 a

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by 28 members and guests.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Steve Roberts (on behalf of EISCC and CFH Treasurer Pat McDermott) reported that cash balances at the end of September totaled \$105,030. The financial situation continues to be strong with nothing unusual to note.

CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS REPORT: CFH Executive Director Steve Roberts (206-295-7803; steve@cfhomeless.org) reported the shelter is currently at Eastshore Unitarian Church and will be moving next month to First Congregational Church of Bellevue. He reported that the program is helping a steadily increasing number of clients move out of the shelter and into stabilized housing.

PROGRAM: AGENCY PRESENTATIONS - "Winter & Holiday Needs"

CHILDREN'S RESPONSE CENTER: The Children's Response Center (located at Overlake Hospital Medical Center) is designed to "heal the hearts of children that have been harmed by sexual abuse and other traumas" as well as to prevent such traumas. The program serves the Eastside and North King. The program has community resource staff persons who are available to visit congregations to educate members about the warning signs of sexual abuse. Congregations can also send groups to CRC for this training.

NEEDS: The Children's Response Center is always looking for volunteers to help provide child care during their support group meetings. Volunteers help out on occasional early evenings watching small groups of ten or fewer children during these meetings. They are looking for donations of holiday gifts fro the low-income families they serve. These "gifts" are defined broadly to include necessities and services such as haircuts. Volunteers are also needed to work with staff to put together small-scale events such as house parties built around its do-it-yourself gingerbread house kits. Also, volunteers can help CRC plan a caroling party to both celebrate the upcoming winter

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holidays and to promote CRC's services and how to support them. To find out more about these and other ways to support the mission of Children's Response Center, please contact Lisa Arnold, CRC Volunteer Coordinator at 425-467-3384 or <a href="mailto:laarnold@u.washington.edu">laarnold@u.washington.edu</a> or visit CRC on the web at www.childrensresponsecenter.org.

THE EMERGENCY FEEDING PROGRAM OF SEATTLE & KING COUNTY: EFP packs 14 different varieties of healthy, nutritionally-balanced emergency food packs and distributes them through a network of 115 different social service agencies and faith communities located throughout King County, providing a readily-available response to individuals and families in crisis. EFP is dedicated to helping ensure that no one in our community goes to bed hungry tonight.

**NEEDS:** Congregations can partner with EFP by providing financial support or by participating in either their monthly "Food of the Month" food drive or their quarterly drive. They have a particular need for donations of 28-oz iron-enriched powdered infant formula. To find out how your congregation can help feed our hungry neighbors, please contact Brian Anderson, EFP Eastside Program Coordinator at 425-653-1652 or brian@emergencyfeeding.org.

**FRIENDS OF YOUTH:** Friends of Youth is dedicated to reigniting the spirit, passion and possibility of youth. They deliver a broad range of services to youth and their families to improve their emotional stability and self-sufficiency ranging from youth shelter and housing programs, street outreach, substance abuse prevention and treatment, to mental health counseling, employment resources, parent classes and family counseling.

NEEDS: Congregations are encouraged to partner with Friends of Youth this holiday season to put together Thanksgiving baskets with all the trimmings for families of 4-6 (if including a turkey, please call to arrange a drop off time), to host Giving Trees at their offices or places of worship, and to help pick up and deliver donated Christmas gifts from large Giving Tree sites. On-going volunteer opportunities with Friends of Youth include holding a drive to collect baby supplies, toiletries, clothing items such as socks, underwear, hats, and gloves (all items must be new), providing a prepared dinner or breakfast for 15 youth staying at the Landing, their homeless shelter, or preparing larger meals for up to 50 youth at their Kirkland-based "Teen Feed." To get involved, please contact Jason Wilson, Volunteer Coordinator at 425-869-6490, ext. 309 or Jason@friendsofyouth.org.

**HOPELINK:** Hopelink provides a wide variety of services designed to help homeless and low-income families, children and people with disabilities. Through all they do, Hopelink is dedicated to safeguarding and providing hope—helping those whose lives they touch truly believe that tomorrow will be better than today.

**NEEDS:** Hopelink has an on-going need for community interpreters of medium to high frequency in a variety of languages to help better communicate with those they serve. During the coming holidays, they are looking for sponsors and volunteers to help with

their annual gift room where families can share in the joy and promise of the season by selecting gifts that their tightly stretched budgets would otherwise make impossible. Each year Hopelink collects and some 8,000 new, unwrapped gifts, toys and clothes from children from infants to 18 years of age. This simply couldn't happen without the dedication and energy of volunteers. To learn more about these and other Hopelink volunteer opportunities please contact either Theresa Connelly at 425-869-6066 or Debra Stusser at 425-943-7558.

**JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES:** Volunteers are the lifeline of Jewish Family Service, a program dedicated to providing a helping hand to the most vulnerable in our community through a wide variety of services.

**NEEDS:** For the Jewish community, the holidays have already started. JFS is currently in need of volunteers to help with food drives and food distribution at the JFS Food Bank in Seattle. Help is also needed at their Eastside-based Refugee Resettlement Program which helps set up families who often arrive in this country with nothing in their own apartments and provides them with everything from warm clothes, to furniture and household supplies. For more information on how you can help, please contact Jane Deer-Hileman at 206-861-3155 or volunteer@fjsseattle.org.

**MULTIFAITH WORKS:** Multifaith Works began 20 years ago as a response to the AIDS crisis providing an opportunity for faith communities to come together in a concerted effort to support those living with AIDS, and later, with Multiple Sclerosis. As the AIDS situation changed, so has the mission of Multifaith Works. But it remains an effort to provide support and relationships to those in our community who are isolated.

**NEEDS:** The annual Client Holiday Dinner is set for Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Congregations are being asked to help purchase food or assist with the preparation of the dinner. For their clients living with AIDS and Multiple Sclerosis, the annual Holiday Dinner has become a treasured tradition. While many Americans experience holiday fatigue from a frantic schedule of events, many of the individuals and families served by Mulitfaith Works do not have any events to look forward to. That's makes the Holiday Dinner so anticipated and such a special opportunity for your congregation to be a part of. Last year, over 200 people were in attendance. To find out how your congregation can help, please contact Brian Halcomb, Volunteer Program Manager at 206-324-1520, ext. 236, or at <a href="mailto:brian@multifaithworks.org">brian@multifaithworks.org</a>.

THE SALVATION ARMY EASTSIDE CORPS: The words of a popular song found in The Salvation Army songbook read: "Joy, Joy, Joy, there is Joy in The Salvation Army." The Salvation Army not only brings necessary financial relief to families in need, but strives through all its programs to bring joy. Bringing joy to children is what the youth programs of The Salvation Army Eastside Corps are all about. Our scouting programs, after school drop-in center, summer day camp and music programs instill self-esteem and character-building qualities in children, which bring joy to their lives and help to mold them into productive members of society. Sharing joy together is a goal of our other programs as well, such as family fellowship events, senior ministry visitations, monthly potlucks, and our men's, women's and teen's

fellowship groups. The Joy of the Lord is also a key element of our Sunday School classes (for all ages) and Sunday morning Praise and Worship services.

If you need more joy in your life – and who doesn't? – please join us. Everyone is welcome!

**NEEDS:** The Salvation Army Eastside Corps is looking for the following help this holiday season:

Thanksgiving Baskets: Some families would have no Thanksgiving dinner if it weren't for the food provided in their special food baskets. Volunteers are needed to help sort donated food and fill the boxes for each family.

Toy 'N Joy Shop: Each year hundreds of families are given the opportunity to "shop" for Christmas gifts that are donated by members of the community. Volunteers are needed to help pick up, sort, mark, and display the toys as well as to assist the families with their toy selections.

Adopt-A-Family: Each year several families are adopted by individuals, families, groups and faith communities. Everyone in the family receives gifts and a food box to help make their Christmas merry.

Giving Tree: To help the Salvation Army gather all the toys that are needed to make the season cheery and bright for those in need, organizations, businesses and faith communities can sponsor a Giving Tree where gift tags are displayed that represent children in the community. Individuals are asked to purchase toys appropriate for that child that are then placed in the Toy 'N Joy Shop.

Bell Ringer: The Salvation Army raises the majority of the funds it uses throughout the year during their Christmas Red Kettle Campaign. Volunteers are needed to stand in front of local stores and ring the bell. You can stand for a few hours or all day or several days.

Other Needs: The Salvation Army Eastside Corps is also looking for a warehouse or office space in which to hold their Toy Shop. Space in needed from December 3<sup>rd</sup> to January 4<sup>th</sup> (1500+ square feet is preferred). They are also looking for boxes to pack Thanksgiving Dinner for needy Eastside residents (paper ream boxes are ideal!), as well as bags in which to distribute Christmas gifts (large heavy-duty opaque bags work great!).

For more information or to volunteer to help the Salvation Army Eastside Corps this holiday season, please contact Sierra Wagner at 425-452-7300 or <a href="mailto:sierra\_wagner@usw.salvationarmy.org">sierra\_wagner@usw.salvationarmy.org</a>.

**ELECTION OF EISCC OFFICERS:** The following slate of officers was approved for 2007-08:

Co-presidents: Marilyn Rands, Rick Russell

Vice-President: Sally Wing Treasurer: Pat McDermott

Assistant Treasurer: Louise Wong

Co-secretaries: Brian Anderson, Sister Susan DeWitt

Member at Large: Sandy Lewis

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** EISCC members are allowed to share announcements pertaining to their congregations/agencies at each EISCC meeting. If you wish these announcements to appear in the minutes, please remember to make them well in advance of any event that you are publicizing and, to help insure accuracy, please provide them in writing to the recording secretary. Among the announcements made at the October 9, 2007 meeting were:

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**Life Coaches Needed:** Congregations for the Homeless is available to talk to congregations about how they can partner to end homelessness on the Eastside and make a dramatic, life-changing difference in the lives of our marginalized neighbors. CFH continues to need additional life coaches to work one-on-one with CFH clients. CFH will provide the necessary training. (Note: because CFH offers services exclusively to homeless men, most life coaches are also men.)

**Landlords:** Congregations for the Homeless is looking for landlords to help them end homelessness on the Eastside. According to CFH Executive Director Steve Roberts, the defining need on the Eastside is the lack of available housing. CFH has money available for rent buy-downs and other subsidies, but not enough rental units are available even at

full rent. The main thing that EISCC member congregations and other supporters of CFH can do is to encourage landlords to accept CFH clients as tenants. If landlords were to offer 10 percent of their existing units, at full rent, homelessness on the Eastside would be eliminated. These landlords just need the heart to make the relationship work.

And CFH works to do just that—to make the landlord/tenant relationship work for its clients. CFH case workers offer ongoing support to clients, helping them learn the skills they need to successfully transition to permanent housing and holding them accountable. CFH also offers landlords rent guarantees and a 24-hour phone service designed to address any problems they have with a CFH client within one day of receiving a complaint.

Congregations are encouraged to reach out to landlords in their congregations that are willing to see how a partnership with Congregations for the Homeless can be a real win/win for both the landlord and the entire community. For more information, please contact Steve Roberts at 206-295-7803 or <a href="mailto:steve@cfhomeless.org">steve@cfhomeless.org</a>.

**MULTIFAITH WORKS:** Multifaith Works announces the **2007 World AIDS Day Luncheon** to be held Friday, November 30, 2007 at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center. Although a fundraiser, no donation is requested prior to the luncheon. For more information or to register to be part of this inspiring event, please visit <a href="https://www.multifaith.org">www.multifaith.org</a> or call call James Termin at 206.324.1520 x221 no later than November 9<sup>th</sup>.

YWCA EASTSIDE WOMEN'S CENTER: The YWCA Eastside Women's Center needs your help providing lunches to the community's homeless women. Each weekday lunch is served to approximately 12 people. You are welcome to sign up for a day, a week, or a month! The center is located at the First Congregational Church of Bellevue on the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and 108<sup>th</sup> in downtown Bellevue. For more information, please contact Jan Swanson at centerlunches@fccbellevue.org.

## NOVEMBER WEEK FOCUSES ON COMMUNITY-WIDE ACTIVITIES TO MAKE A DIRECT IMPACT ON HOMELESSNESS

In support the Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness in King County

In conjunction with the Help the Homeless Program and the National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, there will be a series of **Unite to End Homelessness** events held in King County the week of Nov. 12-17. The *Community Resource Exchange* will take place on Nov. 13 in Seattle and Nov. 15 in Renton. *It All Starts at Home: a Faith Community and Service Organization Symposium*, will take place in Bellevue on Nov. 17 (repeated Nov. 18).

The Unite to End Homelessness events are a collaborative effort involving the United Way of King County, the Committee to End Homelessness, the Church Council of Greater Seattle, King County, the Cities of Seattle, Bellevue, Renton and Kent. The event is graciously funded through a grant from the Fannie Mae Foundation's National Help the Homeless Program.

#### UNITE TO END HOMELESSNESS: IT ALL STARTS AT HOME

Faith Community/Service Organization Symposium

Sat., Nov. 17, 2007 at Bellevue City Hall, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sun., Nov. 18, 2007 (Repeated for those who observe Saturday Sabbath) at Temple B'nai Torah, Bellevue, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Faith communities have begun to ask how they can move beyond shelters and toward long-term housing solutions for the homeless. It All Starts at Home is an interactive symposium that will give faith communities and service organizations the tools they need to create long-term housing to help end homelessness in our community. This symposium will bring together groups from across King County to discuss in practical, hands-on terms, what programs have worked, how they were created, what difficulties they encountered, and how they can be replicated. The seminars will be based on the actual programs and experiences of faith communities and service organizations in King County, and will be taught by the people who are actually implementing those programs. Each attendee will go home with a resource book that can be an ongoing reference manual as each group explores its options.

Seminars presented at the symposium will include: Creative Faith-Based and Community Strategies to Help the Homeless Afford Housing; Purchasing Property to Create Housing; How to Redevelop a Portion of Property Owned by the Community (e.g., parking lot, parsonage); Creating Your Own Non-Profit for Housing Services; Moving from Mission to Service: Pros and Cons of Self-operating vs. Partnering with Experts; and Understanding Who is Homeless and the Range of Needs.

Register now at <a href="http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/22110">http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/22110</a>.

For more information about It All Starts at Home, please contact Ann Erickson at <a href="https://example.com/event/22111">AErickson@thechurchcouncil.org</a> or 206-525-1213 x 3035.

### UNITE TO END HOMELESSNESS: COMMUNITY RESOURCE EXCHANGE

Tuesday, November 13, 2007 Seattle Center Exhibition Hall 305 Harrison St. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Focuses on Single Adults & Youth

Thursday, November 15, 2007 Spirit of Washington Event Center 233 Burnett Ave. So., Renton, WA 2 p.m. - 7 p.m. Focuses on Families

The Unite to End Homelessness Community Resource Exchange will provide easy access to services that support the transition of homeless people off the streets and into housing. Getting vital services can be challenging and time-consuming-this event will enable individuals and families experiencing homelessness to get the services they need in one place and in one day. The Community Resource Exchange is modeled after Project

Homeless Connect, a national best practice model that originated in San Francisco in 2004 and is now implemented in over 200 cities.

Some of the services we plan to provide include medical care; employment programs; services for veterans; legal assistance; assistance applying for food stamps and other public benefits; hair cuts; a hot meal; wheelchair maintenance and free nation wide phone calls to friends or family.

We need you to get involved! More than 600 volunteers are needed to make this event a huge success. Volunteers will assist with client support, data entry, outreach, registration, and event support. You can organize a supply drive or find out how to be a service provider at the events. Please click on <a href="http://www.uwkc.org/newsevents/events/cre/default.asp">http://www.uwkc.org/newsevents/events/cre/default.asp</a>.

For more information about the Community Resource Events, please email <u>unite@uwkc.org</u> or call 206-461-6973.

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**CLOSING PRAYER:** A closing prayer was sung by Rev. Rick Russell.

Submitted by Brian Anderson, Recording Secretary

From: Wayne Spohn

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#### EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL MINUTES

P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662 November 13, 2007

WELCOME: An opening prayer was offered by Diana Stice of First United Methodist Church of Bellevue.

MINUTES: Brian Anderson (425-653-1652). The minutes for the October 9, 2007 meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: EISCC and CFH Treasurer Pat McDermott (425-643-7759) presented the Treasurer's Report (which Pat termed the "The most exciting part of the meeting.") reporting that for the month of October cash balances totaled \$89,899. Third quarter billings from September were not collected by the end of the month, so the accounts receivable balance is high, at \$36,574. These receivables will be collected during the month of November. Year to date income has exceeded expenses by \$33,815. The financial situation continues to be strong with nothing unusual to note..

CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS REPORT: CFH Executive Director Steve Roberts (206-295-7803; steve@cfhomeless.org) reported the shelter is currently at First Congregational Church of Bellevue with Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Bellevue providing the meals. In addition to managing the shelter, CFH also works to develop transitional and permanent housing on the Eastside. This subprogram has recently been renamed "Eastside Interfaith Housing" to avoid confusion. One of Eastside Interfaith Housing's ventures is the Rose Hill House. The first two clients are now living in the Rose Hill House while remodeling continues. Once the remodeling (which is being carried out by the Jubilee team from First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue) is completed, the house will become home to an additional 3 clients. On an unfortunate note, CFH case manager John Boyce has had to resign due to health problems. A new case manager is being sought.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS were made by 34 members and guests.

#### PROGRAM: FOR THE GRANDCHILDREN PRESENTATION & EISCC MEMBER AGENCY PRESENTATIONS - "Winter & Holiday Needs"

FOR THE GRANDCHILDREN: ForTheGrandChildren is an organization dedicated to building an Earth community that matches the people of the world's love for all grandchildren. They are passionately committed to protecting the natural world, working with the Pachamama Alliance—a partnership of the modern world with indigenous peoples to protect the Earth. ForTheGrandChildren offers a framework of three general steps along the path of engaging in this work:

- \* Becoming Aware ForTheGrandChildren sponsors the presentation of a powerful, daylong symposium called "Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream" which through video presentations and discussions seeks "to increase awareness, clarity, hope and empowerment," seeking to change the dream of the modern world—a dream rooted in consumption with no regard for the natural world. Symposia are offered regularly. Visit their website (www.forthegrandchildren.org <a href="http://www.forthegrandchildren.org/">http://www.forthegrandchildren.org/</a> ) for schedules and details. In addition to symposia open to the general public, symposia can be customized to meet the special needs of existing organizations and congregations...
- \* Going Deeper Course are offered that are designed to help individuals find their work for the world. ForTheGrandChildren also collaborates with other teachers and organizations to create a diversity of presentations, workshops and events to deepen personal awareness and community connection.
- \* Building Supportive Communities We are smarter, wiser, more resilient, more courageous, and more joyful together than alone. ForTheGrandChildren provides tools and support to help you find community

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connections, both local neighborhood communities based on geography and global communities based on shared interests.

For more information about how you and your congregation can put your love for the grandchildren of the Earth into action, please visit www.ForTheGrandChildren.org <a href="http://www.forthegrandchildren.org/">http://www.forthegrandchildren.org/</a> on the web or contact Victor Bremson (victor.4tgc@gmail.com or 206-789-5293) or Rich Henry (rich4tgc@gmail.com or 425-452-1134) for more information and to join.

BRIDGE MINISTRIES: Bridge Ministries honors the God-given dignity and giftedness of persons with disabilities by building relationships to alleviate isolation and enrich our churches and communities. Bridge Ministries lives out this mission by providing pastoral care, guardianship, volunteer ministry, church enrichment, and medical equipment. All services are provided at no charge.

NEEDS: Bridge Ministries is looking for volunteers to help refurbish durable medical equipment, to help with the holiday celebrations planned for December 17th, 18th and 19th. For more information on these and other volunteer opportunities and for more information on the program as a whole, please contact them at Bridge Ministries, 520 6th Street South, Kirkland, WA 98033-6717; TDD/Phone: 425-828-1436; Email: bridge@bridgemin.org; Website: www.bridgemin.org <a href="http://www.bridgemin.org/">http://www.bridgemin.org/</a> .

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES - VOLUNTEER CHORE SERVICES: Volunteer Chore Services brings together volunteers that work to help low-income elders and adults living with disabilities remain independent in their own homes. Volunteers or groups of volunteers provide a variety of in-home services that these individuals are no longer able to do for themselves. The hours are flexible and the work is simple. And every hour that you volunteer will make a positive difference in someone's life. Services may include housework, transportation, shopping, yard work, minor home repair, and moving assistance.

NEEDS: There is a long list of folks currently waiting for assistance through Volunteer Chore Services. For more information and to find out how you can help, please contact Adria Briehl at 425-284-2237 or adriab@ccsww.org.

Note: Adria is available to speak to congregational groups looking for ways of putting their faith in action through partnership with Volunteer Chore Services. Give her a call.

EASTSIDE BABY CORNER: For 18 years, Eastside Baby Corner has been collecting items that children use from birth to age 12 and distributing them, free of charge, through service care providers directly to families in need. EBC is projecting 2007 distributions worth \$4.3 million!

NEEDS: Eastside Baby Corner depends on volunteers to prepare items for distribution, give community presentations, and help with accounting and public relations. Their top ten needs right now are: STEEL SOON OCH LOREN PRESERVATION & EXCOMINER AGEN

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- Tennis shoes in all sizes allegers yeld anothlightness lie to evolute him and a volute him and a restrict to the
- Socks and underwear in kid's sizes
- Warm coats and mittens in all sizes
  Avent and Playtex nipples, size 1
- Pram suits and infant sweaters
- Formula and baby food
  Blanket sleepers size 6 to 9 months.

For information about how you and your congregation can help serve needy families right here on the Eastside, please call 325-865-0234, email them at babycorn@gte.net, or visit them on the web at 

KINDERING CENTER: The Kindering Center is a Bellevue-based program committed to creating and providing superior, individualized, family-centered services for children who are disabled, medically fragile, or vulnerable because of abuse or neglect; to develop maximum potential, hope, and community understanding. They serve children from birth to age three. Last year they served some 3,000 children.

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NEEDS: The Kindering Center has provided the following "Wish List:"

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- \* Gym Mats
- \* CDs
- \* Camcorder
- \* CD Player
- \* Touch and Feel Textured Books
- \* Play-Doh
- \* Medium and Large Stickers
- \* Sensory Balls (Tactile, rubbery, Koosh ball, spider type ball, inside out ball)
- \* Musical Toys that light up and start and stop
- \* Car or Block Toys
- \* Baby Doll sets for pretend play
- \* Farm and farm animal sets
- \* Picture Books
- \* Bean bags (large and regular)
- \* Spill proof bubble containers
- \* Bubble liquid
- \* Scent free shaving cream
- \* Board Books (for age 2 or under) including children's multicultural books
- \* Puzzles (for age 2 or under) non-interlocking, 3-12 piece puzzles
- \* Fisher Price "Little People" (House set; School set; Circus; Zoo; Village)
- \* Any little people pretend play sets like those above

In addition, the Kindering Center has the following Volunteer Opportunities:

- \* Administrative Support: Volunteers are needed to support various departments in the following areas mailings, data entry, filing, photocopying, classroom art projects, library maintenance, reception desk, etc.
- \* Classroom Assistant: Volunteers are needed to assist teachers in classrooms with activities and support services. Position only available during the school year (September-July). Times and days may vary, Monday-Friday, 2-hr sessions.
- \* Committee: Volunteers who have a particular skill or area of expertise are encouraged to provide support in the following committees: Marketing/PR, Technology, Development, Finance, and Programs.

For more information on volunteer opportunities, contact the Kindering Center's volunteer coordinator at 425-653-4294 or jennifer.clark@kindering.org.

The Kindering Center's main phone number is 425-747-4004 and they are on the web at www.kindering.org <a href="http://www.kindering.org/">http://www.kindering.org/">.</a>.

NAMI EASTSIDE: NAMI Eastside is the East King County chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI). Their members include families, friends, and people with mental illnesses such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder (manic depression), major depression, obsessive compulsive disorder, general anxiety disorder and ADHD.

NAMI Eastside sponsors free support groups and educational programs, and advocates for improvements to mental health delivery system in terms of access to care, standards of care, continuity of care, recovery, housing and rehabilitation.

NEEDS: In addition to financial contributions, NAMI Eastside needs help letting the community know who they are and the services they provide. They can't help people who don't know that they are there. EISCC member congregations can get the word out. Faith communities are places that people go for support. Congregations are encouraged to contact NAMI for information about how their services might help congregation members or their loved ones who are struggling with mental illness. NAMI staff members are available to make presentations to congregations, helping not only those who struggle with mental illness, but also those who struggle to find ways of helping them and making them feel welcome.

NAMI Eastside is also looking for volunteers to help with bookkeeping, to become trained as support group facilitators, to serve on their board of directors, and to help with outreach to Spanish-speaking, Russian-

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speaking, and other non-native English speakers.

For further information about NAMI Eastside and how you can help, please contact them at 425-885-NAMI (6264) or www.nami-eastside.org <a href="http://www.nami-eastside.org/">http://www.nami-eastside.org/</a>.

THE EASTSIDE WOMEN'S CENTER: The Eastside Women's Center (located at First Congregational Church in downtown Bellevue) is a homeless women's drop-in center that provides clients with hot showers, laundry facilities, noontime hot meals, information and referral services, help finding night-time shelter, job search assistance, and phone and internet service. They are open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

NEEDS: The Eastside Women's Center is looking for volunteers to prepare and deliver hot lunches, either on a one-time or an ongoing basis. Volunteers would prepare a hot main dish to serve approximately twelve people, along with a salad, milk or juice, and dessert.

Women in the community are also needed to create fellowship opportunities with clients.

For more information on how you can be a blessing to homeless women on the Eastside, please contact Helen Leuzzi at 425-653-5893 or outreach@fccbellevue.org.

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THE EASTSIDE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CONSORTIUM is hosting an Eastside Affordable Housing Forum on December 5, 2007 to be held at the Bellevue Hilton Hotel from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this event is to raise awareness and to create the momentum needed to solve the affordable housing problems facing East King County.

This FREE event will include a full complimentary breakfast buffet. At the event you will learn why the affordable housing crisis on the Eastside impacts us all and impacts the livability of our communities. You will learn about the current successes and struggles on the Eastside to provide affordable housing. You will be given some concrete steps that you can take and that we all can take to solve this problem.

This event is particularly important for: business leaders whose workforce is struggling to find affordable housing; policy makers, city council members and city staff who are trying to address these issues for their constituents; faith communities whose younger and older members can no longer live near their place of worship; education leaders who are struggling with students living in poverty or struggling to attract teachers due to the high cost of housing; and the general public who are impacted by clogged highways and the lack of affordable housing in the communities they know and love.

For more information or to register for the forum, please visit www.housingconsortium.org

FOR THE GRANDCHILDREN - A MEANINGFUL WAY TO EXPERIENCE THANKSGIVING: Temple B'nai Torah with our Eastside neighbor churches and ForTheGrandchildren presents a symposium entitled Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream. The object of the symposium is to inspire the bringing forth of a socially just, environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling human presence on this planet. The symposium will take place Sunday, November 25th from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Bellevue's Temple B'nai Torah and will address, in a unique way, the illusions and delusions that drive the environmental and spiritual crises of our times. We come together to answer four simple questions: Where are we? How did we get here? What is our new dream? How do we make that dream real? Entry is \$20 per person (no one will be refused entry). Registration can be made at www.forthegrandchildren.org <a href="http://www.forthegrandchildren.org/">http://www.forthegrandchildren.org/</a> or checks can be sent to ForTheGrandChildren c/o Victor Bremson, 8001 Sand Point Way NE C73, Seattle, WA 98115. Directions/Address at www.templebnaitorah.org <a href="http://www.templebnaitorah.org/">http://www.templebnaitorah.org/</a>. For more information, call Victor Bremson at 206-789-5293.

HERO HOUSE (a program of NAMI Eastside) will be holding its annual HERO House Gala on Saturday, December 1, 2007. In addition to raising funds, this will be a celebration of the individuals, business and foundations that believe in and support the mission of HERO House. The gala will take place at the HERO

#### 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

#### CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

#### PROGRAM BACKGROUND

This thirteenth year in the life of this unique program to provide services to men in crisis on the Eastside has seen many changes to improve and enlarge the scope of our efforts. The life coaching addition has proved to provide moral support along with specifics in how to evaluate ones goals and take steps to achieve them. This has improved the atmosphere of the shelter as the men now are better able to relate to each other and become a community of friends all working to move forward toward their goals.

#### Highlights

- Life coaching provides a plan for continuity of support The program provides
  evaluation from a man's first day until his goals are established and progress is made
  to achieve housing and the hope for a stable life.
- Our Director of Housing seeking local, subsidized, permanent housing for the men, successfully placed seven men into CFH units and six men in other options. For many landlords, having a life coach working with the tenant has become a requirement.
- In July CFH became an independent agency with an office of its own, hiring a full time case worker and a second half time case manager to assist with the life coaching program.
- The services such as bus tickets, employment related needs, instruction in resume writing, job interview training, medical support and haircuts continue along with the food and shelter program.
- This year CFH partnered with Bellevue 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church to provide furniture for men moving into units, car repair, and used car purchase opportunities.

#### Goals

- Continue to recruit and train life coaches for a one-to-one ratio.
- Transit men more quickly into housing with life coaches providing ongoing support.
- Urge churches and/or individuals to provide \$500.00 per month for one year to provide subsidy to keep a man with minimum income housed and coached.
- Continue to seek more transitional and permanent housing on the Eastside for single men. Encourage more individuals with house or apartment space available to consider renting to the men moving from CFH program, with a guarantee of payment and supervision. At present there are only 20 units.
- Enhance the program by enlarging the financial base to support new staff personnel.
- Encourage gifts of supplies for the bathroom and /or kitchen as the men move into units.

#### **Statistical Information**

 In 2006, eighty-seven individual men were served, for a total of 9457 bed nights, with an average of 26 nightly. None had income above \$27,250, half the median for the region. Over 3000 volunteers served more than 28,000 meals. Eight men moved to transitional housing available through CFH. twelve congregations hosted the shelter, with 24 congregations in support

Congregations for the Homeless continues to serve through the financial generosity and prayers of local individuals, churches and civic organizations. This is deeply appreciated.

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House Clubhouse, 14230 NE 21st Street, Bellevue, WA 98007. For tickets, please contact Roberta Lyon at 206-910-9417 or rlyon@herohouse.org. A minimum donation of \$100 per person is suggested.

**NEW EISSC WEBSITE!!!** The new Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns council is up and running. You can now just click on over to www.eiscc.net <a href="http://www.eiscc.net/">http://www.eiscc.net/</a> to find information about EISCC, its member congregations and agencies. The website gives you easy access to the Eastside Emergency Services Directory, information about past and upcoming EISCC programs, and allows you to view or update announcements about upcoming events being sponsored by EISCC members.

CLOSING PRAYER: A closing prayer was offered by Louise Wong of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

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Submitted by Brian Anderson, Recording Secretary

## EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL MINUTES P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662 December 11, 2007

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 8, 200, 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.

Habitat for Humanity and Together We Build

**WELCOME:** An opening prayer was offered by Al Bagley of Overlake Park Presbyterian Church.

**MINUTES:** Brian Anderson (425-653-1652). The minutes for the November 13, 2007 meeting were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** EISCC and CFH Treasurer Pat McDermott (425-643-7759) reported that on 11/30/07 cash balances totaled \$109,366. This is an increase of \$19,467 from the prior month, primarily because of the collection of accounts receivable during the month

**PROGRAM: DEMONSTRATION OF THE EISCC WEBSITE** – web designer Janet Batiste (batiste@gmail.com), was on hand to demonstrate the new EISCC website (www.eiscc.net). At eight pages, Janet described it as a "small" website, easy to navigate, yet serving as a ready reference containing a list of EISCC member congregations and agencies, the minutes of past EISCC meetings, descriptions of past programs, the all-important member announcement page, an updated EISCC Emergency Services Directory, and the current EISCC newsletter. EISCC members can also use the website to contact EISCC officers and to share announcements of upcoming events and projects.

EISCC is asking that members review the website and share their suggestions for making it even more useful. Just click on the "Updates and Corrections" link to share your thoughts.

THE EISCC EASTSIDE EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND REPORT – Juan Hernandez, 425-943-7559 or <a href="mailto:juanh@hope-link.org">juanh@hope-link.org</a>. EISCC's Eastside Emergency Service Fund (administered by Hopelink) is currently focusing on helping make this a special holiday for needy families. They are also working with RotaCare (a coalition of Rotarians, Physicians, Nurses, Pharmacists, Medical Technicians, Social Workers, Translators, Clerical Workers, and other volunteers who provide free medical care to the underserved) to help needy clients fill

prescriptions that are available anywhere else. RotaCare services are available every Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Bellevue Hopelink Service Center.

The Emergency Services Fund is in continual need of contributions to replenish this important fund. Congregations are encouraged to send contributions to Hopelink at 14812 Main Street, Bellevue, WA 98007. Important—in order to ensure that your contributions are applied to the Emgergency Services Fund, please mark your checks clearly "EISCC Emergency Services Fund."

Juan also shared the news that Hopelink clients and employees have allowed to use the parking lot of the former Kmart across the street from the Bellevue Service Center. This option will be lost to them in the future as that will be the site of a new Costco store. Hopelink is looking for parking spots in the lots of nearby faith communities that Hopelink employees might use when it becomes necessary. Please contact Juan if you can help.

**SELF-INTRODUCTIONS** were made by 23 members and guests.

PROGRAM: BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS: Jacqui Deelstra, 206-763-9060 or jacqui.deestra@bbbs.org. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Puget Sound partners with actively involved community members to match caring adults with children, both of whom benefit from one-on-one mentoring programs. There is a great need for mentorship. Seventy-five percent of Washington's students say that they don not have adult role models to help guide them. Independent studies have shown that children who have a Big Brother or Big Sister in their lives are:

- 46% less likely to begin using illegal drugs; 27% less likely to begin using alcohol
- 52% less likely to skip school: 37% less likely to skip a class
- More confident in their schoolwork
- Less likely to resort to violence to resolve conflict
- More likely to have stronger relationships with their friends and family

Big Brothers Big Sisters conducts two-types mentoring programs:

**Community-based mentoring.** Matches meet two or three times a month for at least one calendar year. Together, they go to the movies, bake cookies, visit museums, ride bikes, play video games or just hang out and have fun.

**School-based mentoring.** Matches meet one hour a week for one school year on the campus of the child's school. Together, they play games, read books, run around the gym or work on homework or other activities.

In addition to their regular mentoring programs, BBBS also supports a program called **Amachi**, which is a unique partnership of secular and faith-based organizations that work together to provide mentoring to children of incarcerated parents. Faith institutions work with human service providers to identify children of prisoners who could benefit from mentoring. In Washington State, around 300,000 children currently have a parent in prison. These children are much more likely to become involved with the juvenile justice system, are

risk children with a different path—by establishing the consistent presence of loving, caring people of faith. A consistent caring adult presence in a child's life helps support positive, healthy youth development.

Hundreds of boys and girls here in our community are waiting for Big Brothers and Big Sisters. To find out how you can make a big difference in the life of a deserving child, please contact Jacqui at 206-763-9060x241 or Jacqui.deelstra@gmail.com.

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THE EMERGENCY FEEDING PROGRAM OF SEATTLE & KING COUNTY is announcing their Winter Food Drive. Congregations are encouraged to collect the following most-needed food items:

- 28-oz cans of beef stew
- Canned vegan soups (no meat, dairy or eggs)
- Cans of low-sodium soups
- Low-salt tuna
- 1-quart envelopes of powdered milk

EFP also invites all EISCC members, their friends and families to the annual **Share the Dream Concert** to be held this year be held Sunday, January 14, 2007 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Seattle First United Methodist church (811 Fifth Avenue in Seattle). Featuring drums, dance, distinguished guest speakers, and soul-stirring performances from the Total Experience Gospel Choir, this afternoon of music and inspiration celebrates the enduring legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Although there is no charge for admission, freewill offerings will be accepted to benefit the Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle & King County. Feed your spirit as you help feed your hungry neighbors. Come Share the Dream!

For more information about either of these events, please call Brian Anderson at 206-329-0300 or visit EFP on the web at <a href="https://www.emergencyfeeding.org">www.emergencyfeeding.org</a>.

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING:** The annual Souper Bowl of Caring will be held Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Faith Communities are asked to make a special appeal to their members to bring in food donations on that day to benefit the local food bank or food distribution program of their choice. For more information or to register your food drive, please visit <a href="www.souperbowl.org">www.souperbowl.org</a>.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** A closing prayer was offered by Sandy Lewis of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection.

Submitted by Brian Anderson, Recording Secretary