

Subject: Minutes of EISCC Gen. Mtg. Mar. 9, 2021

Minutes from EISCC General Meeting Feb. 9, 2021, 12 noon via Zoom

Meeting opened at noon by President Steve Roberts. Opening prayer given by Paster Mark Griffith.

Self-introductions given by 32 attendees (see mtg. chat for specifics)

Last Meeting Minutes of Feb. 9, 2021, emailed and on website at [www.EISCC.net](http://www.EISCC.net), were accepted.

Treasurer's Report, posted on website, was given by Warren Marquardson. Total in account is \$147,986.91 with majority of funds in sub-agency Congregations for Kids, and \$6,544.73 in EISCC. Membership information is available on the website.

CFK Sub-Agency Report was given by Nancy Jacobs, expecting approximately the same number of children in Bellevue needing backpack school supplies assistance in 2021-22, at 2,100. Preliminary orders of custom supply kits have been placed. This will be the first year CFK is participating in Give Big to expand fundraising efforts. Emails will be sent to donors this month.

Legislative Report was given by Jean Harris. All important bills in both Washington DC and Olympia were listed in the meeting chat. Two important votes in DC: House Res. 1 For the People Act and HR 4 John Lewis voting rights. This week in Olympia #5373 vote addresses reducing carbon footprint from pollution in areas of low representation; others to watch are HB 1091, 1050, 1091 and 5051. The best resource for bills information is FAN (Faith Action Network).

Eastside Human Services Form (EHSF) Report given by Tony Copes. The same bills listed by Jean are being pushed, plus a bill on increasing affordable housing.

Hopelink Report was given by Kimberly Eickerin from the Bellevue Center. They are taking appointments for energy assistance as well as financial assistance for rent. Additional COVID energy grant is available. The Mobile Food Bank Van locations can be found at [www.hopelink.org](http://www.hopelink.org), as well as information on the five food centers. Summary of Hopelink events supplied.

Main Speakers were introduced by Pastor Patty Ebner: Samuel Martin from Washington for Black Lives and Anthony Ballard from Bellevue 1st Presbyterian.

WAforBL was created last year from Black groups doing census work, and grew to be a unified Black-led coalition of organizations across the state. See presentation slides for Vision, Demands, Tactics, Legislative Advocacy and Support, and Ways to Stay Involved. Q&A followed.

1st Presbyterian liaison from the church staff to the community focuses on reconciliation, with a team that meets monthly. How can you do justice and support equity wherever you are?

Justice and charity go together to support long-term and immediate-need efforts. Q&A followed.

Announcements:

Temple B'nai Torah will be hosting Tent City 4 beginning April 1 for 3 months. Ellen Weiss Phelps requested attendance at City of Bellevue Zoom meeting Mar. 11 at 6pm to hear from the community about this effort. TBT Green Team is also hosting litter pickup project in their neighborhood.

Sat., Mar. 20, from 8-4, MAPS is hosting a drop-off of supplies, and MCRC is holding a used clothing and Appliance drive from 10-4.

Imagine Housing Tenants Union is in need of a covered meeting space for up to 50. Contact Elizabeth Maupin.

Attain Housing and Bellevue Lifespring rental assistance on the Eastside continues, with one child in household requirement.

Closing Prayer was given by Steve Roberts.