

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL (EISCC)

MINUTES - GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, September 14, 2021 Noon-1:30 PM - Virtual

- **Opening Prayer** – Rev. Patty Ebner
- **Self Introductions** – 34 attendees
- **Reports** – In the interest of time, the Congregation for Kids and Hopelink reports were submitted in writing and are attached to these minutes.
 - **Treasurer’s Report – Warren Marquardson**
\$152,008.67 in bank; CFK is \$142,812.44; Unrestricted is \$5,235.70
- **Nominations for 2021-2022 Board Members**—EISCC Board Member and Past President Linda Hillesheim introduced the slate of officers to be voted upon at the EISCC General Meeting in October. Positions become effective in November 2021. Nominations include: Past President Linda Hillesheim, Unity of Bellevue; President Steve Roberts, First Presbyterian Bellevue; President Elect Rev. Patty Ebner First Congregational Church of Bellevue; Treasurer Warren Marquardson, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; Secretary Elizabeth Maupin, Spirit of Peace; Outreach Farida Hakim, Muslim Community Resource Center (MCRC); EHSF Rev. Dr. Mark Griffith, St Luke’s Lutheran
- **Presentations on Eastside Shelter Providers—see attached presentations**
 - Congregations for the Homeless (CFH) – David Bowling, Executive Director
 - The Sophia Way – Alisa Chatinsky, Chief Executive Officer
 - Snoqualmie Valley Shelter – Jennifer Kirk, Executive Director
 - Catholic Community Serv./New Bethlehem – Amber North, Program Director
 - Friends of Youth – DeAnn Adams, Chief Program Officer
 - LifeWire – Sara Kendall, Homelessness Services Advocate (see chat for detail)
- **Presentation Q & A**
 - Extremely difficult to get clients vaccinated due to lack of trust, lack of accessible information
 - Amber North – translatable skills – hospitality background – managing lots of personalities – heart and compassion – social services
 - Alisa – people who have come out of homelessness are employable
 - Tent City 4 is looking for a new home – 25 or 26 people – October 9th is their last day at Temple B’nai Torah
 - Thousands of people are still on the street – CFH emergency shelter turns away 5-8 people daily – even more have given up – they refer people to Seattle
 - TSW asks women to call every day so they aren’t left hanging; they also refer them to other agencies; they utilize day centers –
 - Can faith communities step up to provide a warm space during the winter; her organization can help with training volunteers and procedures; King County has also provided hotel vouchers; City of Bellevue did allow greater numbers in the shelters;
 - Staffing is a challenge when housing clients in faith community campuses.

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• **Announcements from Members and Guests**

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- ✓ Week of Giving – 10/8-12
- ✓ Irons and vacuum cleaners – immigrant needs
- ✓ Christy Stangland – Human Services Needs – gathering info for the survey – will post questions in chat – email will go out to membership
- ✓ More people will be evicted this month – Court Watcher program is needing more support – contact Tram – info is in chat
- ✓ Mandy – placed information in chat – working with mentally disability folks – it is a vicious cycle of receiving services from one agency to another – referring people with no results gets tiring
- ✓ Susy Gonzalez – process of hiring peer specialists – laptops available – book services – self care theme kits -

1:30 Closing Prayer – Steve Roberts

In Service,

Rev. Patty L. Ebner
EISCC Board Secretary

UPCOMING 2nd TUES. EISCC MTGS.: Oct.12, 2021, Baby Corner

- **EISCC BOARD MEMBERS 2020-2021—** Past President-Linda Hillesheim, Unity of Bellevue; President-Steve Roberts, First Presbyterian Bellevue; Secretary-Rev. Patty Ebner First Congregational Church of Bellevue; Treasurer-Warren Marquardson, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; Outreach-Elizabeth Maupin, Spirit of Peace; Outreach Farida Hakim, Muslim Community Resource Center (MCRC); EHSF Rev. Dr. Mark Griffith, St Luke's Lutheran.

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EISCC Mission Statement--Members of Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council (EISCC) believe 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, and support through task forces and other means, to work for the common good, and to address human needs and improve the quality of life of the citizens living in the Eastside communities.