

Welcome and Introductions

Rev. Meg Decker - *Chair of the Board of Directors, Interfaith Community Services*

Reverend Meg led the General Membership meeting with introductions of first time attendees and new slate of Board Members in attendance: Paul Marx, Pastor Federico Salas, Faye Rencher, Rabbi David Castiglione, Saima Akter.

Invocation

Rev. Elizabeth Crandall, *American Universalist Temple of Divine Wisdom*

A Time to Contemplate

2018 Meeting Topic Highlights:

Partnerships

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Meg reviewed the list of Partnerships over the past year that have helped make an impact in the services provided through Interfaith. Some that were noted were, Community HousingWorks and their apartment communities to help place families; Neighborhood Healthcare and their upcoming collaboration with Interfaith to provide services onsite at our headquarters; Alliance Regional Solutions who coordinates our various shelter work in North County; and the Faith Centers' various projects that help to house families in need. A special thank you to all who continue to work with our programs in providing a place to call home for our homeless neighbors.

Volunteers

Laura Hernandez, *Volunteer Services Associate, Interfaith Community Services*

Laura expressed a heartfelt thank you to all who participated in the Adopt-A-Family event this year. She added that, because of the volunteer support throughout the year, 126 thousand hot meals and sack lunches were provided to our homeless neighbors and families in need. In the past year, 3000 volunteers were connected to Interfaith Community Services

Housing

Jeri Bachman, *Program Manager of Rapid Rehousing, Interfaith Community Services*

Dexter Egleston, *Hotel/Motel Voucher Program Manager, Interfaith Community Services*

Jeri and Dexter reviewed the Shelter Programs and the new Path 2 Permanence Program. Approximately 500 people sleep under an Interfaith roof on any given night. They noted that the Haven House shelter is a no barrier shelter with 49 beds and is one of our housing programs. The Path to Permanence (P2P) is a crisis housing and rapid rehousing program that provides short term temporary housing up to 90 days for 16 homeless families and families escaping domestic violence. Currently, there are 5 clients in transition for permanent housing, with 4 out of 5 approved to move in their new home for Christmas! They shared a client story of a family who escaped a domestic violent situation, mom is currently working two jobs and is approved to move into their new home on January 1st!

HOPE Faith-based Crisis Response Team

Vicki Wodarczyk, *Faith Coordinator, Interfaith Community Services*

Vickie announced that the FBCRT has have expanded their services in San Marcos, Escondido and Vista. The program, developed by Martha Garzon and Mary Ferro of Interfaith Community Services, is comprised of bilingual clergy and clinician teams who respond to crisis and trauma related calls. Their services are offered in person. Training is available through the Faith Based Academy and Trauma Informed Response Academy.

Interfaith Updates and Announcements

Greg Anglea, *Chief Executive Officer, Interfaith Community Services*

Greg provided a brief update of the Recovery and Wellness Center's (RWC) recent contract approval through the County Board of Supervisors of up to \$5.2 million per year in reimbursements to provide detox services in our 38 bed, outpatient, addiction/treatment services program. This contract is expected to begin in January 2019. Greg also announced our Housing 2019 campaign to move 2019 families and individuals from homelessness to housing starting in July 2018 through December 2019. As of December 2018, we are 28% of our goal by helping 567 individuals since July 2018.

Board Nomination Process

Kate McKone – Sweet, *Member, Board of Directors, Chair, Governance Committee*

Kate reviewed the new Board Nomination and Recruitment Process that began in Spring of 2018. She emphasized the importance of increasing a diversity of skills, perspectives and background of board members to better support the client landscape of the organization. Some of those areas include Hispanic Community representation, individuals younger than retirement age, individuals with Lived Experience that are relatable to our clients, Faith Communities representation, and fundraising resources and connections to potential donors.

Membership Vote

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Meg led the vote for the slate of new board members. A motion was presented, with a 2nd to follow and approved with 18 votes from the membership. 12 votes were needed to approve the slate.

Announcements

Vicki Wodarczyk, *Faith Coordinator, Interfaith Community Services*

Vicki reminded the membership to check out the table of announcements to updates. Bob Adams, Chief Development Officer of Interfaith Community Services encouraged membership to become a friend of Interfaith through Facebook, Instagram, and to look for our ads on Radio KOGO as well as our Homelessness in San Diego Podcasts.

Quiz

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Meg led the membership with a Quiz on the Highlights of Housing through 2018. Three members received prizes.

Closing

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Meg closed the meeting with thoughts to leave behind as we close out the 2018 year. Do you know who needs our services? Please share our services in your communities and volunteer opportunities. Bring someone else to our next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 1:00pm.