

# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

AUGUST 17TH, 2016

**Welcome and Introductions: Rev. Meg Decker, Vice Chair, Board of Directors**

**Invocation: Peter Whittet, Dream Center of San Diego**

**Table Discussion: "Can we make the information easier to share? How?"**

- Notes of the meeting be posted on the website
- Develop our own Facebook page
- Having the agenda before hand is very helpful.
- Periodically survey the members on topics they would like to hear more about.
- Send the handouts electronically to participants
- Send copies of the slides presented about programs to participants.

**Senior Services: Charlene Marson, Senior Services Program Manager, ICS**

- An overview of their four programs was presented:
- Minor Home Repairs. Repairs to make the home safe to remain in; not cosmetic repairs.
  - Ex: build a ramp to make the home wheel chair accessible.
- Senior Connections Lunch Program: A hot food truck is used to provide fresh cooked meals to seniors five days a week in five different locations. The purpose is for socialization and outreach to connect seniors with community resources. They serve 30-60 seniors per day for a cost to the senior of \$2.00.
- Project Care: Provides a safety net for fragile seniors. A case management evaluation is made on each participant. Daily telephone calls are made. They work with other agencies to provide appropriate services.
- Senior Emergency Account: Providing funding for seniors in crisis, ie car repairs, eye glasses, walkers, etc.
- Many of these services are provided by the wonderful volunteers who work with the program.
- Flyers are available for each program.

**Client Story: Lonna**

- Lonna explained how the Senior Services staff helped her go from being homeless to living in a fully furnished apartment. She said the staff "helped me to help myself. They didn't give up on me." She was very thankful and appreciative for the staff and for Interfaith.

**Mental Health Issues for Seniors: Martha Garzon & Mary Ferro, ICS**

- The new Faith Based Training Manual was presented and explained. This training is for pastors to help them identify mental health issues and to provide strategies to help with these issues. The program is funded by the County of San Diego Health and Human Services.
- An extensive Resource Guide is included.

**Announcements and Updates: Greg Anglea, Executive Director, ICS**

- Greg encouraged everyone to attend the ICS Annual Meeting and to bring a friend to introduce them to Interfaith. The theme is The Power of You plus 1. The meeting is September 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m – 12 p.m. At St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Oceanside
- Come and hear the stories of the people you help. A virtual tour of Interfaith will be part of the program.

**Updates on Offering Hope in Housing: Rev. Meg Decker**

- Offering Hope in Housing is a program that provides funding for things like security deposits, pet deposits and other expenses necessary to get someone into housing or to remain in housing. Last year they raised \$7,000 which is now depleted.
- She urged each faith community to do another fundraiser this year for this worthy program.
- Flyers and envelopes are available at the information table.

**Chaplaincy Program Development: Rev. Meg Decker**

- This program is beginning with the recuperative care program.
- A flyer with program details is available.

**Announcements: Mary Ferro, Faith Liaison, ICS**

- Announcements from the floor were made.
- Mary went over many of the announcements of upcoming activities and urged people to pick up flyers at the information table.

**Benediction: Dick Belprez, St. Thomas More Catholic Church**