



General Membership Meeting: April 19, 2017

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

Invocation - Pastor Ruben Torres, First United Methodist Church

Table Discussion

“What has been your favorite volunteer service activity?” - Rev. Meg Decker, Board of Directors

Interfaith Updates - Greg Anglea, Executive Director

- The Carlsbad Service Center Grand Opening was held on 4-6-17 and it was very successful. The center is at 5731 Palmer Way, Carlsbad.
- Coordinating Homeless Services in Carlsbad. A meeting for all who are interested in this will be held on 4-25-17 at 4 PM at the Catholic Charities Las Posada campus in Carlsbad.
- Services for Poway-RB residents. There is now a hot line number to call (760-522-1362) to obtain an appointment in the Escondido office. We may be able to help with transportation to the Escondido office. Either the client or a faith provider can call the number and speak directly with a social worker at ICS.
- Recovery and Wellness Center. We are making progress on finding the perfect location and have several possibilities in various North County cities. Debra Synder has been hired as the new Director for the Center.

In-Kind, feeds hunger and the heart - Chelsea Buck, Director of Development

- In kind gifts and services include:
 - Food and beyond: Emergency food pantry (especially tuna, pasta, beans), morning meals and dinners, sack lunches, hygiene kits. Breakfast is served to about 100 people, and showers and laundry facilities are available because of donations.
 - Food Drives are held throughout the year and provide thousands of pounds of food.
 - Furniture and household items. Apartments are completely furnished so that the family feels like they are moving into a real home. A video was shown from a grateful client expressing how much it meant to her and her family that strangers would do so much to give her a home.
 - Gifts of the Heart: Hand made quilts, hats and scarves. Meaningful messages, cards and posters. Backpacks. Kits for veterans and kids.
 - Thank you to all our volunteers who do so much.

Volunteers, the Roots of the Interfaith Tree - Micki Hickox, Volunteer Coordinator

- Micki expressed her appreciation for all the wonderful work done by the exceptional volunteers at Interfaith. She told the stories of many of the volunteers who demonstrated through their individual stories the variety, quality and depth of the people who support the services and mission of ICS. The stories were heartwarming and inspirational.

Strategic Plan for 2017-18 - Rev. Meg Decker, Board of Directors

- Rev. Meg explained how the Strategic Plan was developed. She urged people to take their copy back to their faith center and read it and share it. At next month's meeting it will be discussed. Does it still reflect where we want to go? The staff and the Board have had input and now we want input from you, the volunteers. The goals for each section have been updated.

Offering Hope in Housing - Rev. Meg Decker, Board of Directors

- This is a program that offers a bridge fund to help people stay in housing or get into housing. It provides for things like security deposits, first and last rent, etc.
 - In the last two years it has raised and spent \$7,717.
 - They are asking that faith communities make a special appeal over the Mother's Day weekend to raise money for this fund. Fliers and envelopes are available on the front table. Thank you for your support.

Announcements - Mary Ferro, Faith Liaison

- Mary made several announcements about upcoming events. Fliers on all the events are available on the front table.

Benediction - Susi Hansen, First Congregational Church