

Faith Community Committee Meeting

MINUTES

February 21, 2017

In Attendance

Anna Jacobson, City of Pasadena; Anne Lansing, City of Pasadena; Charles Pulliam, FAME Pasadena; Cory Marquez, New Abbey; Dan Davidson, Rose City Church; Gary Talbert, Salvation Army; Gene Terpstra, Pasadena Presbyterian; Griffin Hatlestad, Door of Hope; Jen Argue, Grace Pasadena Church; Jhoana Hirasuna, Salvation Army; Jill Shook, IMA; Joan Feser, SSVDP; Joan Reid, St. Andrew's Catholic Church; Lauren Furutani, New Abbey; Mary Lou Langedyke, St. Elizabeth SVDP; Myra Booker, Human Services Commission; Terry Bright, Elizabeth House; Than Veltman, Lake Avenue Church.

Introductions / Approval of Minutes

Members of the committee introduced themselves and the minutes from the January Faith Community meeting were read and approved.

Agenda Item 1		Presenter: Colton and David
Update on 2017 Homeless Count and Survey		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A big thank you to all who helped make this year's Homeless count happen. The support and collaboration from the community was greatly appreciated.• 120 volunteers helped with this year's homeless count• Not able to present numbers today• The weather had some effect on this year's homeless count: over 80 were counted at the Bad Weather in comparison to 40 last year		
Action Items:		Person Responsible
Preliminary numbers will be presented in our March FCC meeting		Office of Urban Initiatives

Agenda Item 2		Presenter: Than Veltman
Strategies to Share the Toolkit		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Goal is to create a strategy that will get more faith based organizations to sit at the FCC table• Connecting with our friends at faith based organizations to "build relationships"• Making cold calls to other congregations and finding out about the work they are doing and sharing the Toolkit with them• Learn what each organization is doing and how those services can be connected to best practices• Each FCC member to share the Toolkit with two friends/faith based organizations and invite them to our FCC meetings• A list will be generated before cold calls are made to avoid duplicate calls• Please let Than know if you find new/more resources not currently on the Toolkit in order to keep it updated• The goal is not only to expand our FCC, but inform faith based organizations about the resources available in the community and help them effectively connect people to services		
Action Items:		Person Responsible
Each FCC member will be asked to share at our next meeting who they reached out to and their experience		Each FCC Member

Homeless to Housed Bus Tour

- Educate churches on what it takes to end homelessness
- Help faith leaders see firsthand how and why Housing First model is working to end homelessness
- Potential tour stops at Lake Avenue Church, Friends in Deed, Holly Street Housing, Marv's Place, and Door of Hope
- Targeting churches that have land/assets that could be used for housing
- Will debrief at various points throughout the tour and from groups at the end to meet on an ongoing basis
- Limited to 56 seats

Announcements & Other Items

- Vote on Measure H on March 7th. Measure H "Los Angeles County plan to prevent and combat Homelessness"
- Peace Parade coming up
- Gene Terpstra announced that Pasadena Presbyterian Church is working on providing laundry vouchers for the homeless
- ACTS Thrift Store is moving to La Verne and it will be a big loss for various organizations working with the homeless

Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 21st at 9:00 am