

Neighbors United
Meeting Summary
03-25-2010

Attending

1. Cait Caughey, *inCOMMON Community Development*
2. Rev. Howard Dotson, *Westminster Presbyterian Church*
3. Pastor Tom Emmett, *MCC-Omaha*
4. KayLynn Goldner, *First Unitarian Church*
5. Brittany Hanson, *inCOMMON Community Development*
6. Zach Harmon, *inCOMMON Community Development*
7. Lois Knutzen, *First Lutheran Church*
8. Kevin Marik, *MCC-Omaha*
9. Pastor David Paul, *First Presbyterian Church*
10. Pastor Judith Rainforth, *First Lutheran Church*
11. Pastor Kate Rhode, *First Unitarian Church*
12. Rev. Stephen Sinclair, *neighbor; community minister*
13. Rev. Jonathan Sloan, *First Presbyterian Church*
14. Calvin Smothers, *inCOMMON Community Development*

1. Introductions & Updates

Welcoming New Members

- Doug Walters from *First Presbyterian Church* (Director of Christian Education)
- Calvin Smothers from *inCOMMON Community Development*

Faith Community Updates

- Metropolitan Community Church
NEW Karate Class
Monday and Wednesday 5:00-6:00PM
\$12-\$15
- First Presbyterian Church
Easter Egg Hunt @ Turner Park
Saturday, April 3rd. 10:00AM
- Ecumenical Good Friday Service
Friday, April 2nd: 6:30PM
Bethel Lutheran Church - 45th and Poppleton St.
*Offering taken for Neighbors United
- Benefit for One World Community Health Center
Saturday, June 12th

Community Center Updates

- Made funding pitch for \$5,000 to Omaha Venture Group on 03-22-10
- \$12,000 was received from the Countryside Community Church 2009 Christmas Offering

Neighbors United, bringing the area inter-faith community together in service to the local neighborhood



- \$10,000 matching grant was awarded from the Peter Kewit Foundation; to acquire this \$10,000, it must be met with an additional \$23,000 in new monies raised toward the Community Center
- Formal discussion/vote with NU partners to come soon to make sure all are on the same page as we move forward.

2. Community Meal Subgroup Review

- *Coffee*: Need to connect with Faith Communities that purchase Fair Trade Coffee (email or call Cait: cait@inCOMMONcd.org or 402-933-6672)
- *Next CM Subgroup Meeting*: Tuesday, April 20th: 7:30-8:30PM; Westminster Presbyterian Church

3. Neighbors United 501(c)3 Dialogue

- Rev. Jon Sloan and Pr. Tom Emmett reviewed the progress of the Organizational Development Task Force by reviewing the September 2009 Meeting Review and Organization Structure Diagram.
- Meeting participants asked questions and engaged in dialogue about the ideas represented in the noted documents.
- There was unanimous support to move forward by having the official NU 501(c)(3) application prepared by the next NU meeting (April 22, 2010).
- Those faith communities and organizations that meet 'founding member' criteria will be notified and invited to sign on as founding members by contributing an initial \$50 for application expenses; Brittany Hanson will make the notifications and handle the financial contributions.
- In addition, a Shared Culture Agreement was discussed and will be developed over the next several months. Any existing covenants within NU partner organizations will be gathered for identifying commonalities; this will be followed by an official NU brainstorming and discussion session to collectively determine our official Shared Culture Agreement.

4. inCOMMON Staff Update

- Brittany Hanson and Calvin Smothers will begin job-sharing the Director of Neighborhood Development at inCOMMON Community Development effective Monday, March 29, 2010; each will work approximately 20 hours per week.
- Questions about this staffing transition can be directed to Brittany at Brittany@inCOMMONcd.org.
- Calvin's Contact Information E-mail: Calvin@inCOMMONcd.org
Phone: (402) 933-6672

REMINDERS

Community Meal – Every Saturday, 11:30-1:00, First Baptist Church

NEXT Neighbors United Meeting: April 22, 11:00-1:00, Metropolitan Community Church

