



Minutes- Monthly Council Meeting
Zoom meeting, Tuesday, January 26th 2021, 8:00 – 9:30 AM

1. Call to order: Pat Goodman – Vice-President
2. Opening inspiration: Pat Goodman
3. Self- introductions as usual

4. Program/Speaker: Deacon Joe Sullivan
Some of the ways people can help care for these children (training and screening required in most cases):
 1. Become a Resource Family (adopt or foster) through Orange County Social Services: <https://www.ssa.ocgov.com/adopt>
 2. Volunteer as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for a child (meet twice per month, becoming a friend and mentor and representing their interests periodically in court): <https://www.casaoc.org>
 3. Develop Safe Family volunteers (a family which can provide a safe home for a child on a short-term basis, while the child’s family works through a crisis) through Olive Crest: <https://www.olivecrest.org>
 4. Provide support to foster families and families in crisis (responding to email notices of needs for material goods posted by service agencies or social workers) through CarePortal: <https://www.careportal.org>

If you want to learn more about Human Trafficking and practical ways to fight it (including presentations, resources, and organizing ideas), please consider visiting Susan Patterson’s website: <https://throughgodsgrace.com>

This is a vital connection to provide the physical need of a child as well as the support system. Connections that change lives and make children a priority.

5. November minutes approved as written
6. No treasurer’s Report

Bank account Balance for January 26th ----- \$5,087.25

7. Old Business:
 - 7.1 Pat Goodman announced that “Unity in Diversity” was chosen as the Tagline to accompany our Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council's logo. No objection from the council members.

8. New Business:

8.1 Prayer Breakfast committee formed: Dave Garofalo, Marsha Rechsteiner, Natalie Moser, Janet Ewell, Jynene Johnson, Penny Nichols, Kelly Frankiewicz & Rev. Patti Mercado.

8.2 Community Day of Service committee formed: Pat Goodman, Charlie Niederman, Penny Nichols, Jynene Johnson, Marsha Rechsteiner & Natalie Moser.

8.3 Discussion on the future of GHBIC

- Marsha Rechsteiner: February is Black History month. Marsha will write a paragraph to share with the council about it. She also suggested that we create a sub-committee that taps on cultural calendar days to increase awareness in our community.
- Jynene Johnson: There is great need in the community. Can we put together a community services committee that highlights the good things that can be done and make announcements about beach cleaning, foster care needs, canned food drives, etc. Something like Just.serve.

9. City Council Meeting Zoom Invocations - Organized by Kelly Frankiewicz

Monday, February 1st _____ Janet Ewell

Tuesday, February 16th _____ Marsha Rechsteiner

Monday, March 1st _____ Mark Currie

Monday, March 15th _____ Charlie Niederman

Monday, April 5th _____ Rev. Steve Wright

Monday, April 19th _____ Marcy Tieger

10. Next Monthly Zoom meeting: Tues, February 23rd, 2021

11. Announcements of events happening in January.

Jan Ewell: I will circulate a notice each month to our congregations for Mercy House's needs and delivering items that are donated locally (as opposed to digitally.) Would you like to receive the notices to distribute in your faith group through email? Let me know at jan.ewell@verizon.net

Natalie Moser: Striving for human dignity. Outreach plan for more communication between Task force and the council.

12. Closing Inspiration: Marsha Rechsteiner