



**Minutes - Monthly Council Meeting  
Zoom meeting, Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 8:00 – 9:30 AM**

1. Call to order: Penny Nichols – President
2. Opening inspiration: Kelly Frankiewicz
3. Self- introductions as usual.

4. Program/Speaker – Rev. James Pike

Rev. Pike talked about the creative ways to respond to the community needs. Waymakers.org makes our community safer. Among its role is providing shelters for homeless, runaway or abused youth, victim advocacy and educating the community.

In the last years, many programs that feed seniors (like meals on wheels) were affected and more seniors were in the brink of becoming homeless. Rev. Pike succeeded in creating a successful program that served 11 thousand meals to seniors last year. During the weekly breakfast with seniors, we created friendship. It became a necessary thing to find solutions for our friends and give them a place to live. The city and the interfaith communities were also engaged in an effort to find houses for rent and connect with me. The homeless shelter is a great accomplishment. First, we asked people to give seniors any extra room in their houses. But We needed a house and we made a desperate prayer to find one. We were connected to a house owner. We created a dignified transitional housing and we were able to move-in seniors a few weeks ago.

Natalie Moser: the city is trying to bridge the gaps and is looking into many solutions. We need to talk to our faith communities and ask who has available rooms to rent with a nominal fee. Sharing your space with someone you don't know comes with lots of challenges, but it is very rewarding. Also soliciting furniture, financial aid and assist existing management to make sure it is sustainable to move forward.

The council hailed Rabbi Einstein's comment "Thank God for James Pike"

5. May minutes approved.
6. Treasurer's Report - Emrah Erduran

**Bank account Balance for June 29<sup>th</sup> -----\$4827.55**

7. Old Business:

7.2 Nominating committee – Marsha Rechsteiner

Marsha made a motion to amend the increase of a fourth at-large member being assigned to manage communication and publicity. The motion was carried after the vote.

Marsha moved to approve the slate. The motion was also carried.

Marsha welcomed the new GHBIC board for the year 2021/2022

President: Maneck Bhujwala

Vice- President: Rev. Pattie Mercado

Secretary: Janet Ewell

Treasurer: Emrah Erduran

Member-at-large: Rabbi Steve Einstein

Member-at-large: Rev. Judy Osuna

Member-at-large: Lachelle Carozza

Member-at-large Communication/Publicity: Jynene Johnson

Immediate Past President: Marsha Rechsteiner

8. New Business:

8.1 Resume Council meetings in Person - Penny Nichols

Penny talked with the city and we can resume in-person meetings July 27<sup>th</sup> in the council chambers. She will find out about the guidelines of social distancing and serving breakfast.

8.2 Interfaith Awareness Week in August – Penny Nichols.

World interfaith network would like to include a 10-second video of our Interfaith group waving and saying, "Happy Interfaith Awareness Week from (your city)" to the viewing audience. Penny recorded that segment and will send it to WIN.

8.3 Blessing of the Waves- Dave Garofalo

A large committee is working on this inaugural event Sept 12, Pier Plaza. Rev. Pike, Rabbi Einstein, Jynene, Marsha and Rev. Boger from the council.

The city gave us permission to put the banner. Working on the options of speakers. PT Townend, first IPS/ASP world Surfing Champion- Rev. Boger- Pastor Wright from St. Peter's-By-the Sea will lead the paddle out. Chief Handy took on the responsibility of insuring that the event is under the city's guidelines.

Rabbi Einstein added that 97% of the work is done by Dave. Dave loves the interfaith council and he loves the city. The event would not exist without his contacts with the city.

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

Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Pat Goodman

Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ James Pike

Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Maha Ragab

Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Mark Currie

Tuesday, Sept 7<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Patti Mercado

Tuesday, Sept 21<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Lachelle Carrozza

10. Next Monthly Zoom meeting: Tues, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021

11. Announcements:

- Pat Goodman will be representing the council in the BCIS advisory board

12. Closing inspiration: Don Garrick