



Minutes - Monthly Council Meeting
Zoom meeting, Tuesday, July 27, 2021, 8:00 – 9:30 AM

1. **Call to order and reading of the mission statement**—Maneck Bhujwala, President
2. **Opening inspiration**—Mark Currie
3. **Self-introductions and areas of concern:** Twenty-three in attendance. Maneck Bhujwala expressed concerned about the delta variant of the Covid-19 virus and advocated for vaccination. Penelope Nichols introduced a new and re-occurring feature of our meetings, an opportunity to hear from one of the GHBIC members about their faith journey or other significant aspects of their life.

Lachelle Carrozza is a member of the GHBIC executive committee. She told us of growing up in Huntington Beach but becoming estranged from her faith community during high school. She played soccer for UCI but describes these years as a dark time away from her faith until the birth of her son when she called out to God. “When you call out to God, God shows up.” His name is Jonathan.

She is a leader of Mentor Me Learning and Konquer Together and recently led the effort to make an on-line photo mosaic to build unity.

Her family includes her husband, her 15-year-old son, a five-year old, and a three-year old.

4. **Program/Speaker Introduction—Derrick Burton, Program Director of the Orange County Rescue Mission.** Dave Garafalo introduced him, saying he began as a custodian at the OC Rescue Mission in 2008, became a case manager two years later, then assumed leadership positions. He has an honorary doctorate and is a masters level drug counselor. He is an ordained Elder in the Church of God in Christ.
5. **Speaker:** Our speaker shared a six-minute video about the Village of Hope, which can be viewed here: <https://www.rescuemission.org/videos/> The Village of Hope is a comprehensive transition center serving men, women and children and providing a wealth of services, including medical and dental, legal, and counseling services. Students (as their clients at Village of Hope are called) meet with a case manager almost immediately upon their arrival and one hour per week. They have mandatory work assignments. The Village of Hope works with the mentally ill if they are medically compliant—that is taking their prescribed medication.

The Orange County Rescue Mission operates eight other facilities, including two teen homes (ages 12-17) for a total of 472 beds. They also operate two mobile clinics: a chili van, and a legal services van, staffed by Trinity Law School students under the direction of lawyers.

People are referred to the Orange County Rescue Mission through the Homeless Outreach Liaison Case managers from local cities. Huntington Beach does send people to their facilities.

People needing immediate house should contact the case managers or police in their city of residence or where they have long-term connections.

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6. **Approval of Minutes—Janet Ewell** as modified. Item 7.2 now includes this change: "Marsha made a motion to amend the bylaws to allow for the Executive Committee membership to be increased to include a fourth at-large member to be assigned to manage communication and publicity."
6. **Treasurer's Report—Emrah Erduran**
Bank account Balance for July 29, 2021 -----\$4952.55
7. **Old Business:**
 - 7.1 **Blessing of the Waves—Dave Garafalo.** Dave mentioned the recent death of Rockin' Fig. The Blessing of the Waves will include a brief tribute to him as well as Father Christian Mondor (d. 2018) and Pastor Blaine "Sumo" Sato (d. 2018). The event, to be held at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, September 12, is the first public event approved by the city.
 - 7.2 **Communications/Publicity—Jynene Johnson.** Jynene is updating the GHBIC webpage to reflect the new leadership. She requested a 10-to-15 second video of GHBIC members on: "I love my faith because . . ." for the Facebook page. Good light. Outdoors. Text or email it to Jynene. . JyneneJ@gmail.com 714 609 4693
8. **New Business:**
 - 8.1 Emails for distribution. If you have notices you feel would be valuable for other GHBIC members, please submit them to info@GHBIC.org by Sunday night. Janet Ewell will distribute them in a group message to our mailing list by Thursday with a disclaimer that we are not endorsing this activities but only sharing information.
 - 8.2. Marsha Rechsteiner moved that Penelope Nichols be installed as the immediate past president on the executive committee, replacing Marsha. This rescinds the vote of 6/29/2021.
9. **City Council Meeting Invocations—Organized by Kelly Frankiewicz.** These were not updated in Kelly's absence:
Tuesday, August 3rd _____ Maha Ragab
Tuesday, August 17th _____ Mark Currie
Tuesday, Sept 7th _____ Patti Mercado
Tuesday, Sept 21st _____ Lachelle Carrozza
10. Next Monthly Zoom meeting: Tues, August 31, 2021
11. **Announcements:**

Pat Goodman submitted these notes from the Beach Cities Interfaith Services meeting: BCIS had an advisory meeting on Wednesday, July 21 via Zoom.

Although I was not able to attend in person I received the following information from Jenny Braithwaite:

 1. There is a new website for Beach Cities Interfaith Services: <https://www.beachcitiesinterfaith.services> Please check it out!
 2. BCIS has three goals related to homeless prevention services:

- Enroll clients in programs that will save them money and receive benefits that are due them (CalFresh, SSI, utility costs). Applicants must have an address to qualify for various programs and to have legal documentation. BCIS, with the assistance of St. Peter's by the Sea, does provide this essential mail service.
 - Educate clients regarding money management.
 - Provide information and coaching on training and jobs.
3. BCIS provides grants to help clients with prevention and may be given in amounts up to \$1,000. Sometimes it can be repaid through community service. It is done on a one-time basis.
 4. BCIS does need help regarding service gaps, making suggestions for improving existing programs as well as new programs.
 5. They are also looking for a videographer to make short informational and inspirational videos to post to their new website.
 6. Please send comments through the website's volunteer page:
www.beachcitiesinterfaith.services

- **Jynene Johnson** will distribute \$40,000 worth of non-perishable food on August 7 to non-profits who can come and collect it. “Pantry food distribution on Saturday, Aug 7th at 2:00pm in Irvine. Must be a 501(3)c and be able to pick up the boxes of food. JyneneJ@gmail.com 714 609 4693 contact me if you have a nonprofit that has a pantry to stock.
- **Steve Einstein** commented that the Huntington Beach City Council’s ability to choose a new council member is a hopeful sign. He especially praised Barbare Degleize for her unifying efforts.
- **Judy Osuna** reports that the Alzheimer Family Center is now open and receiving patients.

12. Closing prayer/inspiration—Pat Goodman