

April 28, 2018

## Minutes of HCC meeting

Attendance: Mary Fong, Paul Chestnut, Terry Atkinson, Anne Fillin, Ruth Chippendale, George Chippendale, Chris Lundin, Henry Organ

### 1. Approval of March minutes

The minutes were approved.

## OLD BUSINESS

### 2. SESS CYO camp scholarships

Gwen Connolly will present a pulpit announcement about the summer CYO camp for SESS students at Masses in the coming weeks. The schedule:

- Our Lady of the Rosary, Sunday, May 6, 9:00 Mass and 10:30 Mass
- St. Albert the Great, Saturday May 19, 5:00 Mass and Sunday, May 20 at the 9:00 Mass
- St. Thomas Aquinas, Sunday, June 3, 7:30, 8:45, and 10:30 Masses.

### 3. Hotel de Zink

LifeMoves ([lifemoves.org](http://lifemoves.org)) is an organization that provides interim housing and supportive services for homeless families and individuals. Their mission is to help homeless families and individuals rapidly return to stable housing and achieve self-sufficiency.

Hotel de Zink is an emergency housing program administered by LifeMoves that is located in congregations in Palo Alto and surrounding neighborhoods. The program is hosted at a different church each month, where volunteers set up nightly beds and serve home-cooked meals for homeless adults who would otherwise be forced to sleep in cars or on the streets. Clients may stay at LifeMoves/Hotel de Zink for up to 90 days, which provides them with stability, safety, and a team of experienced staff working to help them become self-sufficient. Clients are expected to meet weekly with their case manager to work on individually tailored goals, such as employment, housing, education, and mental health.

There are twelve churches that sponsor Hotel de Zink, one for each month. This past year, one of those churches (Christian Reformed Church) decided to drop out. Our parish considered the possibility of taking over that month (August) and worked on plans to do so. Ultimately, another church (Peninsula Bible Church) took over the task. We will continue to provide food for two weeks in April and two weeks in August.

### 4. LGBT issues

#### 5. Change our meeting time to Saturday?

One of our members can no longer drive at night. We considered moving our meeting to Saturday in order to accommodate him. Members were polled to determine whether there was one two-hour period on a Saturday that would be convenient for everyone. It was determined that the fourth Saturday of each month is free for each member at 2 pm. We will try this meeting time, starting today, to see if it works well.

### 6. Death Penalty

Paul reviewed the Death Penalty Focus for April 13, 2018. Highlights:

- Last month, the president shocked and baffled many by announcing that he wants to see drug dealers executed.
- How Old is Too Old, How Sick is Too Sick to Be Executed?
- American Bar Association Launches Program to Assist Death Penalty Lawyers
- New Poll Finds Majority Favor LWOP (life without parole) Over Death Penalty

### 7. Immigration issues

### 8. Unbound

At the March meeting, we welcomed Peggy and Boyce Nute, who have been involved in the Unbound organization for many years. We discussed how the HCC might help to attract participants in the organization. One of us suggested that

they might join with Kenya Help, a non-profit, tax-exempt organization run by Margo McAuliffe, that has conducted successful fundraising efforts on the peninsula for at least a decade for the benefit of Kenya. Henry had been given the task to discuss with Peggy and Boyce Nute the concept.

Peggy told Henry she did not think it would be useful to meet with Margo. To use her exact words, she said she wanted "the Church behind her," and "Church sponsorship" in promoting and marketing Unbound. She mentioned, for example, having it presented during a mass throughout the parish. I think she has in mind her (and Boyce's) advancing years, and currently moving into independent/assisted living. Perhaps inclusion in parish bulletins, etc. She understands that this may take time, and noted the coming change in the pastorship.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### 9. What's On Your Mind?

Ruth related that the film "The Poor People's Campaign," will be shown at Mitchell Park Library at 7 pm on Tuesday, May 15.

Terry Atkinson said that books for the SESS students second graders' reading program have been ordered.

Next meeting - May 26, 2018