

NETWORK OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2017
Jaffarya Muslim Center Niagara Frontier

Attendance:

Pierre Albrecht-Carrié, Interfaith Peace Network, WNYACIC
Linda Babcock, Orchard Park Presbyterian Church
Ray Ball, Buffalo Zen Dharma Community
Cary L. Beckwith, St. Luke AME Zion Church
John Paul Boyer, Episcopal Diocese
Enid Bloch, Congregation Havurah
Stan Bratton, Executive Director, NRC
Ellen Goldstein, Jewish Federation
William Hennessy, North Presbyterian Church
Ray Herman, Westminster Presbyterian Church
Eula Hooker, Calvary CME
Nasir Khan, Ahmadiyya Muslim Community
Alex Lazarus Klein, Congregation Shir Shalom
P. Lambert, St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Jonathan Lawrence, Church of the Nativity UCC
John Long, Prebytery of WNY
Anne Marie MacIsaac, Parish Nurse Ministries of NY, inc
Mary Masters, Unity Church Buffalo
Sr. Terri Miklitsch, Sisters of St. Francis
Barbara J. Price, Youngstown Lewiston Clergy Association
Vicky Ross, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Bill Russell, Niagara Frontier District, UMC
Mary Jane Russell, Niagara Frontier District, UMC
Dilip Sinha, Hindu Cultural Center
Dennis Smith, Baha'i Community
Rob Stall, Building Bridges
Yvonne Stocker, Unitarian Universalists of WNY
Bruce Strassburg, Church of Jesus Christ, Latter day Saints
Denise Strassburg, Church of Jesus Christ, Latter day Saints
Sue Tannehill, Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
Friede Van Baalen Webb, Episcopal Diocese, WNY

Guests:

Roberta Bothwell
Katherine Tussing
Kirsten Albrecht-Carrié
James T. Herrmann
Janet Vaughan
Barbara Vaughan
Merle Showers
Brian Nowak
Irwin Gelman – Congregation Beth Abraham
Rev. Marsha Irmer(?) – Family Justice Center
Sr. Mary McCarrick, Catholic Charities
Rev. Hope Harle-Mould, Pilgrim St. Luke's UCC
Mary Beth Kerr
Thomas P Cary
Robert Ludwig, St. Paul;s
Lisa Zulawski
Alicia Hanson
Kinzer M. Pointer, Concerned Clergy Coalition of WNY
Maria Ceraulo, Unitarian Universalist, Amherst
Richard Young, Orchard Park Presbyterian
Mary Way, Orchard Park Presbyterian
Linda Babcock, Orchard Park Presbyterian
Dolorse Battle, Orchard Park Presbyterian
Jolene Ellis, OSF
Lisa Gilbert (?)
(note – some names were illegible and some people may not have signed in)

6:15 PM WELCOME: Jaffarya Muslim Center

PRAYER

DINNER

6:50 PM ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING Sue Tannehill, President NRC

CALL TO ORDER

Will the assembled group approve the agenda and tellers? - YES

Tellers Appointed: Sr. Terri Miklitsch, Eula Hooker, and Roberta Bothwell

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein

- Nominating Committee report presented, Motion to close nominations

ELECTIONS - ballots were distributed

2016 FINANCIAL REPORT Mary Jane Russell

- 2016 figures show a deficit, in part because there is an anticipated grant which has not yet been received.

Motion to accept subject to audit – Pierre Albrecht-Carrie, John Paul Boyer (second) - approved

2017 ANNUAL BUDGET

Motion to add Administrative Secretarial position should funding be secured. This proposal came from the Executive committee and was approved by delegates at the pre-meeting. (no second needed since it's from the committee) – motion and budget approved.

2016 REPORTS (see written)

President Sue Tannehill

Executive Director Dr. G. Stanford Bratton

Other reports

Announcement of 2017 Riefler Enablement Fund Awards, Yvonne Stocker

Corrections noted

7:30 PM ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM: Directions for the Road Ahead

Panel Members

Catholic Charities: Sr Mary McCarrick; Concerned Clergy: Rev. Kinzer Pointer;

Interfaith Climate Justice Coalition: Linda Schneekloth; Jewish Family Services: Leonce

Byimana; Muslim Public Affairs Council WNY. Zaid Islam

ELECTION RESULTS (for the slate presented)

32 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions

ANNOUNCEMENTS

9:00 PM ADJOURNMENT

Save the Date: 37th Annual Appreciation Dinner May 11, 2017

Salvator's Italian Gardens

Larry Greenfield, PhD, Executive Director, Parliament of World Religions