

**Nashua Area Interfaith Council
 Temple Beth Abraham, Nashua
 February 7, 2019 Noon – 1:15 PM**

AGENDA with notes

ARRIVAL – Please sign in; put on a name tag; grab some food; and find a seat!!
 Flyers for distribution are to be put on the nametag table

NOON: WELCOME at 12:04 p.m. AND INTRODUCTIONS Rosemarie Dykeman
OPENING PRAYER by Jon

12:05 COMMUNITY CONVERSATION led by Rosemarie Dykeman
 Discussion about how we are involved in helping people in our faith communities converse about substance abuse issues.

12:15 PRESENTATION –
 Major Thomas Taylor of the Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center in Saugus. 125 bed facility, 6-12 month-long four-phase program, supported through retail outlets

12:45 NAIC BUSINESS

- **TREASURER’S REPORT** Justin was not able to be at the meeting to report
- **REPORTS FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVES TO:**
 1. The Mayor’s Cultural Connections Committee -- Paul Janampa The report was offered by Deepa Mangalat. The committee allows for communication to occur between city government and ethnic communities. Formed by Mayor Donchess originally as Ethnic Awareness Committee. Name changed in 2016 to Cultural Connections. Provides advice to city government departments (all are required to have a representative), NAIC, and business owners. Currently 15 mayor-nominated members serve. Helping with census and September 15 multi-cultural festival. Meeting minutes posted at city website.
 2. Gate City Immigrant Initiative -- The Rev. Rich Cullen presented before Cultural Connections Committee. GCII will merge back into Cultural Connections as focus has changed from refugee resettlement (less refugees are being resettled). For now, the group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. at Nashua City Hall.
- **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE – Rivier University Chapel**
7 PM NEXT Wednesday, February 13th with reception to follow

FUTURE MEETINGS: [Note we still need a meeting place for our April meeting.]

- ❖ March 6th- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (AJ)
- ❖ **April 3rd** – Faith communities interested in taking this date should contact a board member
- ❖ May 1st – Main St. Methodist Church
- ❖ June 5th – Anne Marie House
- ❖ and then we break until September when we meet at Nashua Presbyterian

2018-19 NAIC Representatives to:

- Granite State Organizing Project
 - o Ms. Sarah Jane Knoy
- Integrated Delivery Network
 - o Ms. Rosemarie Dykeman
- Continuum of Care Ending Homelessness
 - o Ms. Bobbie Knickerbocker
- The Mayor's Opioid Task Force-
 - o The Rev. Andy Armstrong
- The Mayor's Cultural Connections Committee
 - o Paul Janampa- Catholic Charities
 - o Nonny Egbuonu -Main St. Methodist
- Bridges Domestic & Sexual Violence Support
 - o The Rev. Kate Harmon Siberine
- Circles Greater Nashua
 - o Laurie Skibba

NEW IDEAS? GATHER A GROUP TO WORK ON IT AND LET US KNOW – Sally invited people to work together as a group to amend our bylaws

from our Bylaws:

NAIC Member Collaborative Events: The NAIC Constitution and Bylaws Article VI – Committees reads in part: "Those congregations which choose to do so as an NAIC committee may collaborate together on issues of common concern and interest to them and/or the general public in accordance with the purposes of NAIC."

1 PM COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Please briefly share announcements from your congregation or organization and have flyers available to pick up. Requests for information to be emailed to NAIC membership may be submitted to the NAIC president at: President@NashuaAreaInterfaith.org.

- Deepa Mangalat of Cultural Connections--Black history month event on Feb. 15. Flyer distributed.
- Jim Leonard of First Baptist Church--Thank you to interfaith choir!

- Becky Green of Temple Beth Abraham--80 members in choir. Holocaust remembrance event on April 30. Will send info via email.
- Jon Spira-Savett of Temple Beth Abraham--Will form conversations with those running for office. March 4 with Rep. Delaney. Info to come out via email for distribution to congregations.
- Mike Apfelberg of United Way--Presentation about Meals Matter at Nashua High School South. United Way helping with afterschool food insecurity programs. Interested volunteers or donors should contact Mike.
- Bobbie Knickerbocker of Continuum of Care--Seeking food providers in Nashua
- Pam Deres of St. Joseph Hospital-- "Savvy Caregiver" program for caregivers of Alzheimer's patients. Six-week course, Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Flyer distributed.
- Meta Vornehm of City of Nashua--Nashua City Academy, 13-week course about city departments. Info to be sent via email.
- Rich Cullen of Main Street United Methodist Church--Cafe Agape volunteers needed on Wednesdays from 7:30 - 10:00 a.m.
- Mike Apfelberg of United Way--volunteergreaternashua.org is a portal for volunteering opportunities and sign-ups. Any non-profit can post. Also, Blizzard Blast had 550 participants, all volunteers (150+) signed up through the portal.
- Jon of Temple Beth Abraham--Thanks to those who organized MLK event.

CLOSING at 1:09 p.m. with prayer by Deepa Mangalat