

Nashua Area Interfaith Council
via Zoom
June 3, 2020 Noon – 1:15 PM

AGENDA with notes

ARRIVAL – Please put your name on your photo and in the Chat Box on the Zoom and visit with other folk until the meeting starts at Noon.

NOON: WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS at 12:00 p.m.

Rich Cullen offered a farewell as he is retiring in a week.

12:10 COMMUNITY CONVERSATION about what do we need to consider as we think about worshipping in person again.

Led by Jon Spira-Savett. Topic: What are the most important principles you believe should be guiding your organization in the midst of the current situation and in the coming months?

Jon reminded the group that we have a Zoom group that meets each Monday morning to provide support to one another as we work through issues related to gathering online, meeting in person, etc.

Sally Newhall's notes from the conversation:

- Compliance
- Safety
- What do you do with the leaders?
- How to care for those over 60 (who are most at risk and the most uncomfortable with online gatherings) — provide them with technical support?
- Health and safety of all people
- How to handle hybrid gatherings of those coming back but some stay safely away
- How to protect children
- Equity — who to allow to come??
- What to do after the percent allowed is already present?
- How to handle a death in the congregation??
- Pay attention to guidelines offered by CDC and other bodies
- Check with insurance companies
- How to bring worship to those who are social distancing - volunteers to go and worship with them?
- HYBRID worship — some in sanctuary and some at home
- How do you get your building safe - and keep it safe?
- NOT 'reopening' but how we are together

Opening Prayer led by Sally.

12:40 NAIC BUSINESS – ANNUAL MEETING (see emailed Annual Report)

Sally: Annual Report and agenda were sent to NAIC via email.

Sally showed the new logo to the group and Ken discussed the ideas behind it and the process of its creation.

Sally's term as President is ending. Rosemarie offered words of thanks for Sally's leadership. Gifts were given as well.

TREASURER'S REPORT by Meta

ELECTIONS - Nominations: Positions to be filled:

President – Jon Spira-Savett

VP – Mike Greene

At Large (2 years) - Meg Hamm

This slate was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report highlighted numbers included in Annual Report

The report was approved unanimously.

QUESTIONS AND CONVERSATION ABOUT THE ANNUAL REPORTS

Allison Palm: Interfaith Worship Team Report: We did interfaith thanksgiving service, which was successful. She will be unable to lead this year as she is expecting a child in the fall.

1 PM COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Please briefly share announcements from your congregation or organization.

Requests to have information emailed to NAIC membership may be

submitted to the NAIC president at: President@NashuaAreaInterfaith.org.

- Michael Reinke of Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter:
 - Was at a Black Lives Matter rally and vigil in Manchester. Lots of youth were involved. He noticed a dynamic: protesters/press vs. law enforcement. Could use clergy at the local event to reframe this. Nashua vigil at Greeley Park on Saturday at 6 p.m.
 - Also, police presence is often requested when homeless individuals show up at Marguerite's Place. Can this be a community member rather than police? Warrants further conversation from NAIC.
- Jon Spira-Savett of Temple Beth Abraham: There will be an alternative vigil for those unable to participate on Saturday.
- Rosemarie Dykeman of Salvation Army: Was at today's Continuum of Care meeting, where they discussed opportunity for congregations to connect with local unsheltered homeless population to assist them with finding shelter.
- Mike Apfelberg of United Way: Face masks available for non-profits. Food drive this Saturday at all Shaw's and Hannaford's in greater Nashua. Benefits Soup Kitchen, Humane Society, End 68 Hours of Hunger, etc. Summer program to help get food to kids continuing through August, including 14 bus stops, 10 school pick-up zones, plus five or so new pick-up locations. 70k+ breakfasts and lunches provided thus far.
- Jessica Gorhan of Greater Nashua Food Council: All kids who get free/reduced lunch have special EBT benefit for summer meals. Community members need to be made aware of this.
- Matt Hodgkiss of Family Promise: Happy birthday to Mike Apfelberg!
- Pam Wellman of Family Promise: On track to move into new facility in the fall.
- Meta Vornehm of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: New membership forms will come out for 2020-2021 school year.
- Julia Leonard of First Baptist Church: What are other congregations doing? Gathering in person or online? Various members shared what their organizations are doing.

1:15 PM CLOSING at 1:15 p.m.