

NAIC Minutes

Wednesday, 2 December 2020, 12 noon

Present:

Jon Spira-Savett, Nancy Meyer, Matt Hodgkiss, Pam Wellman, Tom Woodward, Rich Bensinger, Greg Baker, Bobbie Knickerbocker, Karl Hester, Chris Potter, Meta Vornehm, Meg Hamm, Sally Newhall, Judie Bryant, Anna Molettieri, Kim Hester, Aron DiBacco, Joan Goeckel, Mike Greene, Kristy Besada, Mike Apfelberg, Awilda Muniz, Sarah Marchant, Tanya Stormo Rasmussen

Ice-Breaker Question:

What's a holy teaching/practice/custom that's meaningful to you during this season? What's the story of how you learned it/them?

Business:

Sarah Marchant (Community Development Director, Nashua) gave a brief presentation and responded to questions about the Nashua Master Plan

- They're working hard to engage with the community to understand goals/vision for the City of Nashua.
- Includes Land Use Code (e.g., over past 20 years, City of Nashua has purchased much land and put in 8 miles of trails based on objectives/priorities determined at that time.)
- Imagine.NashuaNH.gov: a website dedicated to the Master Plan thus far, and soliciting input and receiving feedback from the community.
- Currently in Phase 1. Moving into Phase 2 in January, 2021. Exploring Housing, Economic Growth, Mobility, Arts & Culture, Open Space & Natural Resources.
- Please post photos of yourself with a page saying what you IMAGINE NASHUA to be. Drawing and prizes to be awarded on Dec. 18.
- Looking for individual and group involvement in Imagine Nashua survey--please go and take the survey! www.imagine.nashuanh.gov
- Sarah would like to meet with groups (churches, social groups, etc.): interested to set up meetings with faith organizations. Please email her at marchants@nashuanh.gov.

Pam Wellman & Matt Hodgkiss of Family Promise presented an update on FP progress.

- Retrofitting Infant Jesus School on Crown Street
 - \$2.7M grant awarded of \$4.5M needed
 - Level 1: Common area; Levels 2 & 3: will accommodate 12 families each
 - Hope for completion by the end of February
- They're welcoming small groups for tours, to raise awareness of needs & resources
- FP holding a NEW coat (no used coats accepted due to COVID) drive
- Looking for volunteers to help set up bedrooms, etc., toward end of December
 - Email Matthew.Hodgkiss@familypromisesnh.org

[Mike Apfelberg](#) offered an update on United Way of Greater Nashua

- Steppingstonesnh.org: youth homeless center

- United Way has plenty of hand sanitizer, face masks: please make others aware
- United Way able to provide school tutoring and support; also, if you know anyone unable to connect to internet, or need assistance with tablets/laptops free of charge for families in need. Contact Mike at info@unitedwaynashua.org

Miscellaneous News about NAIC events:

- Crop Walk results: \$42,000
- 7 or 8 NAIC reps got together after last month's meeting and formed a peaceful presence in the city the day after the election

NAIC Treasurer's Report, Meta Vornehm:

- Main account: \$2,476.87
- Crop Walk account: \$1,693.97
- Choir account: \$811.75
- Meta reminded NAIC members please to complete their member forms and pay dues. (The forms can be found at: www.nashuaareainterfaith.org/our-members.html)

Member Congregations Activities/Announcements:

- Main Street United Methodist: holding a virtual film festival and Google Meet discussion group about how music brings hope; for more information see Main Street UMC's Facebook page
- St. Patrick's warming station: 8-10 a.m. Monday-Friday, Deb Andrews director
- Post your religious traditions on our NAIC Facebook page: help others to learn more about your traditions!

Next Meeting: 6 January at noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Tanya Stormo Rasmussen