

NAIC MEETING MINUTES, WEDNESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2021

Present: [Rabbi Jon Spira-Savett](#), Nancy Meyer, John Rowntree, [Bobbie Knickerbocker](#), Jim Jensen, Rev. Tom Woodward, Meta Vornehm (Treasurer), Rev. Sally Newhall (Past NAIC President), Carla Tulemeho, Rev. [Rich Bensinger](#), Rev. Alanna Van Antwerpen (Grow Nashua, Past NAIC President), Meg Hamm (At-Large Member NAIC Board), Rev. Kristy Besada, [Joan Goeckel](#), [Justin Munroe](#), [Mike Apfelberg](#), [Aron DiBacco](#), Rev. [Allison Palm](#), [Kim Hester](#), Terri Behm, [Abimana Ngira](#), Nelly G, [Rosemarie Dykeman](#), Rev. Tanya Stormo Rasmussen (NAIC Secretary), Nonny, Liz Fitzgerald, Vincent Aquino and Deb Andrews (St. Patrick's Day Cafe)

Rabbi Jon convened the meeting with introductions at Noon, followed by an opening prayer.

We heard presentations from the following Nashua Nonprofit/Community-based organizations:
[Alanna Van Antwerpen](#) and [Justin Munroe](#) presentation on GROW Nashua.

Little Free Farm Stands have been created/are being created. Also, developing educational approaches to help public learn about sustainable gardening/farming. Program is all about community feeding community--lots of opportunities for volunteers and community involvement. Would love to have as many as possible involved in helping to grow the "Gardeners that Give" program. <https://www.grownashua.org/share>

Grow Nashua Lil' Free Farmstand

Sign-up as a Gardener here:

<https://forms.gle/HQw3HW48ZFzdPHhV6>

Sign-up as a Farmstand Greeter here:

http://www.volunteergreaternashua.org/need/detail/?need_id=564265

Program details here:

www.grownashua.org/share

[Sally Newhall](#) on Nashua Host Home Network

A new organization (formed in the past year) under guidance of Nancy Pape to help with refugees, asylum seekers, and those who have been picked up by ICE and placed in detention centers. In order to assist those who have secured legal permission to abide in the U.S. but are in need of short-term (2 days-6 mos.) transitional housing between detention and more permanent housing, this group provides temporary accommodation.

Contact Rev. [Sally Newhall](#) for more information at: revnewhall@aol.com.

Meta Vornehm introduced Debbie Andrews & Vincent Aqino, The Day Cafe at St. Patrick's

A warming shelter and welcome station at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church

Started in November, 2020.

Now have 24 volunteers from St. Patrick's, Main Street UMC, and Latter-Day Saints; others welcome.

Patrons include homeless as well as some with homes in need of community.

Average day 50-60 people take advantage.

All guests are considered brothers and sisters, deserving dignity and respect.

Serve coffee and breakfast from 7:30 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Work closely with Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter.

Clear boundaries are set, but provide unconditional friendship, listening ear, no judgment, support and connection to local services and even assisted with getting some into rehab.

COVID checks are in place (temperature taken upon entry; masks required; sit in place to have coffee; regular sanitizing, re-sanitizing).

Sally Newhall introduced new activity for future meetings:

Next month/March, five different faith communities will share:

UCC

Church of Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Temple Beth Abraham

Tell us who you are as a religious tradition, tell us what your local congregation is doing, and tell us what your growing edges are--what you're trying to improve, etc.

+ two others (Sally will approach)

NAIC Treasurer's Report from Meta:

Account balances - Main: \$2889.87, CropWalk: \$1353.97, Choir: \$811.75

Rabbi Jon invited anyone who wants to participate in broader conversation about COVID-safety roll-out plans and resources to stick around after today's meeting.

Announcements:

Tomorrow at 2 p.m., Mayor is hosting a Service of Remembrance (30-45 minutes) for people who have died of COVID-19 in Nashua.

LINK: <https://www.nashuanh.gov/823/Government-TV-16-Live-Stream>

CITY OF NASHUA TO HOST COVID REMEMBRANCE EVENT

More than 1,000 people in New Hampshire have died of COVID-19, with more than 70 of those deaths in Nashua. To pay tribute to those we've lost, Nashua will host a special virtual ceremony on Thursday, Feb. 4, at 2 p.m.

The ceremony will begin with an opening prayer from Rabbi Jon Spira-Savett, of Nashua's Temple Beth Abraham, followed by remarks from Nashua Mayor Jim Donchess, Congresswoman Annie Kuster, representatives for U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen and Maggie Hassan and City of Nashua Director of Public Health and Community Services Bobbie Bagley. Members of the press and public can view the ceremony on local access channel 16 or view the livestream of channel 16 on the City of Nashua website:

Allison Palm: New Hampshire Council of Churches Annual Meeting is Saturday, February 27, 10:00-11:30am on Zoom. Please use this link to register for the Zoom meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0oce6rqjIqHdP2F3Z1hWhTH0mrtJ9g8uz6>

[Mike Apfelberg](#) Friendly reminder- if you're in need of PPE (or connected to nonprofit with need), United Way has supplies.

Tom Woodward: Reminder to engage with "Imagine Nashua" Rabbi Jon encouraged logging on to Master Plan resources to offer coveted feedback/input: <https://imagine.nashuanh.gov/> Youth group input being organized as well--please let Rabbi Jon know if you've got young ones interested in participating.

Meta Vornehm: Free online genealogy conference for those interested in research: Free online genealogy conference Feb 25-27. <https://www.rootstech.org/>

Liz Fitzgerald, United Way:

- Low Income Individuals and Families can receive Free Volunteer Tax Prep Assistance either 100% virtually or by appointment only. Info Available at this website. Volunteers are certified by IRS. This program used to happen at the senior center and Nashua Public Library but due to covid19 the Library was unable to Host so UW is providing space for drop off only appointments. Please instruct people not to call United Way but to use the online links to schedule appointments. Thanks for sharing. <https://unitedwaynashua.org/home/our-work/community-initiatives-fiscal-agency-partnerships/vita-volunteer-income-tax-assistance-program/>
- February 10 1-3 PM Community Connections Quarterly Cross Sector Forum will feature The Environment, Infrastructure and Community Development as well as some discussion about VACCINE distribution in the Community. All Welcome to Join Attached flyer has a link to zoom
- The Emergency Food and Shelter National Grant from FEMA and Homeland Security has release Phase 38. Food Pantries, Shelter and other types of Feeding Programs can receiving funding including faith-based programs. Public Notice on Telegraph online and in last Sunday's program. Or email me for application. Due February 15 at 4 PM. Not a hard application but does require good documentation. lfitzgerald@unitedwaynashua.org
- One Greater Nashua Immigrant Integration Coalition is meeting tomorrow on zoom at 3:30. We want to support Public health in making sure that underserved populations in our community have access to the Covid19 Vaccine. A big portion of tomorrow's meeting will be about how to. All welcome to join.
Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88952223950>
Meeting ID: 889 5222 3950
- On Friday Parents in Greater Nashua with Children Birth to Age 8 and services that support them are invite to meet with Legislators on Zoom to share perspectives on

upcoming budgeting process.

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Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tanya Stormo Rasmussen