

NAIC Annual Assembly

Wed 6/7/23 12:00 pm

Temple Beth Abraham Tent

Notes by Rabbi Jon Spira-Savett

Participants

On line – Nonny Egbuono, Michael Reinke, Kim Hester, Karl Hester, Mick Grzonka

On site – John Rowntree, Jon Spira-Savett, Meta Vornehm, Meg Hamm, Tom Woodward, Jim Jensen, Karla Telemeo, Bill Manseau, Allison Palm, Becky Green, Kathy Boss, Jocelyn Sharp-Henning, Nancy Meyer, Jeanette Alexandrou, Christa Tsechrintzis, Cindi Owing

John Rowntree opened with a prayer.

Jon Spira-Savett welcomed everyone and thanked the crew who provided lunch at the Temple – Becky Green, Alan Green, Leon Goldstein of Temple Beth Abraham

John thanks officers completing terms: Kristy Besada, Pam Deres, Pam Wellman, Meg Hamm

Introductions

Nominations for at large positions on the Board:

(Secretary and Vice President will be held open for now)

Rev. Allison Palm – 1 year term, completing a term

Rev. Kathy Boss – 2 year term

Motion: Meta V. motion to cast one vote to approve nominations – passed unanimously

Meta V. casts one vote to approve nominations

John's president review – some items to highlight from the written report

- Goal of less Zoom – able to have all Board meetings in person except one, then hybrid meetings of the NAIC that become more and more successful
- Successful CROP Walk
- Successful Thanksgiving service at Church of the Good Shepherd – 9 or 10 co-leaders, choir, coordinated by Rev. Boss

Meta's treasurer report – notes regarding written report

- We have three bank accounts – main NAIC, CROP administration, interfaith choir
- Revenue – dues were optional this year because of Covid-19; other sources Thanksgiving service; Christian unity service not held this year
- Expenses – small donations to organizations who present or speak; \$1,067.50 to Family Promise with 50% as a match of the Thanksgiving service collection; admin fees
- Main account balances at end of our year \$1711.93 main account; Christian unity account separated out – balance carried over \$273.20; Choir \$484.27; CROP \$934.91
- Dues will not be optional in new year

- Budget presented – \$1600 expected revenue, a bit over \$1600 in expenses
- Discussion of last year and budget
 - Becky question regarding choir income – no income this year
 - Jon suggests Christian unity be folded into main account; Meta says may do that
 - Nonny – Choir seemed not receive honorarium from multicultural festival as other groups did. Becky could reach out to Margaret Loret regarding that, should be \$200 or \$300
 - Jon asks (should have asked at Board when budget was developed) regarding sponsorship of 2023 Nashua Multicultural Festival
 - Jocelyn asks about dues – amounts and due dates – bylaws say October due date but we have been flexible. \$100 for larger congregations, \$50 for small, \$25 for individual members
 - John mentions that budget is for increase to speakers from \$75 to \$100
 - John: bigger picture is that our balance had been increasing over the past few years, which enabled the year of forgiveness and the large matching donation
 - Last year proposed expenses \$1420, actual \$1775 – largely due to the Family Promise donation

Motion to approve the budget – Meg moves, Becky seconds – budget approved by unanimous voice vote

Choir report from Becky Green – also see written report

- Shrunk as every choir has in pandemic; 80 people on e-mail list, 20-30 have sung together
- Rehearsed twice for each gig
- No dues sought for past two years
- Plan to collect \$20 for next year as dues
- September 10 at Multicultural Festival!

CROP report from Becky – also see written report

- #1 in New England, #11 in country – merger with Souhegan Valley and new group from Londonderry
- \$63K+ raised this year
- Corpus Christy, St. James, Share Inc., NSKS, St John Neumann – each received \$3,100
- Recognition to groups by size of organization/community
- Indian community participated at a student initiative, raised \$1,700
- St. Peters of Londonderry first year and \$4,200
- 2023 date is Sunday, Oct. 22 to avoid Reformation Sunday
- Dunstable Evangelical – participates, even though we don't have many evangelical – and they send \$700 this year even though could not come

Jon report on Greater Nashua Interfaith Housing Justice Group

What has happened recently:

- Affordable housing fund for the city of Nashua funded with \$10M from American Rescue Plan

- Committee set up, with Rev. Kristy Besada on it as a housing advocate
- Inclusionary zoning ordinance beginning to yield some results, such as affordable rental units in the Mohawk Tannery project
- Asphalt plant opposition – we join along with efforts spearheaded by GSOP and other grassroots neighborhood groups
- We've used our contact list once or twice
- We've been engaged on the Elm Street school redevelopment project

Upcoming actions:

- Thursday 6/15 7pm – Planning board about the asphalt plant
- Stay tuned for alerts on actions related to Elm Street
- Working generally on how to translate policies and funding into actual construction

Board proposes logo change

Presented on screen

2019 logo was commissioned but not used

Old logo continues to be in use by us – tree, Together in God's Service, NAIC name

Board recommends going back to old logo

Discussion:

- Someone said: new one seems generic
- Jon: the word God and our discussion in the past
- Allison: new one is worse but can we keep it open even if we approve this proposal?
John says yes
- Kim: echo Allison, but do a new one and not bother approving this one
- Nonny: superimpose new one color scheme on old one, tree shows many branches; keep the word God
- Tom: like simplicity of new one, but like image of tree of life rooted in ground and bringing forth life which is not captured in new one
- Michael: new one looks a lot like Chamber, not what we are going for
- **Allison – motion: Pursue a new logo for interfaith council and in the meantime revert to old logo (second: Kathy) – Vote unanimous by voice**

Announcements

Adjourned 1:15 pm

2022-23 NAIC Program Year Review

August (2022)

Board meeting Aug. 22nd (in person)

September

General meeting over zoom - Sept. 7th

Getting through Covid - Before and After – [Kelly Turney](#) and [Kristy Besada](#) of Main St. United Methodist and John Rowntree and Kathy Boss of Good Shepherd Episcopal.

Board meeting Sept 19th

October

General meeting, hybrid hosted at Main St. United Methodist - Oct. 12th

The state of the Housing Justice Team of NAIC - Rabbi Jon Spira-Savett, Sarah Jane Knoy, [Michael Reinke](#)

Board meeting Oct. 27th

Crop Walk - Oct. 30th

November

General meeting, hybrid hosted by United Way of Greater Nashua - Nov. 2nd

Who are the resources for undocumented people and families? – Paul Introcaso, UU Church of Nashua.

Board meeting Nov. 21st

Annual Community Thanksgiving Service - hosted by Church of the Good Shepherd Episcopal, Nov. 22nd

December

General meeting, hybrid hosted by United Way of Greater Nashua - Dec. 7th

Resources available from ServiceLink - Mary Francis Schonley

Board meeting Dec. 20th

January (2023)

General meeting, hybrid hosted by United Way of Greater Nashua - Jan. 4th

Funding available for Solar projects included in Inflation Reduction Act - Doug Smithwood, Solar Saints, Episcopal Church of NH

Board meeting Jan. 17th

February

General meeting, hybrid hosted by United Way of Greater Nashua - Feb. 1st

How we decide to give of our time, energy and resources - Rabbi Jon Spira Savett, Temple Beth Abraham and Mike Apfelberg, United Way

Board meeting 20th

March

General meeting, hybrid hosted by United Way of Greater Nashua - Mar. 1st

Mental Health and resources available in the community - Cynthia Whitaker, director of Greater Nashua Mental Health

Board meeting Mar. 21st

April

General meeting, hybrid hosted by Main St. United Methodist - Apr. 5th

Update of the Thank You Project, [Charles Okorie](#)

Board meeting Apr. 18th

May

General meeting, hybrid hosted by UU Church of Nashua - May 3rd

Resources addressing homelessness in Nashua - Transitional Housing programs - Nichole Ennis, Front Door Agency; Hannah Stohler, Marguerite's Place; Christa Tsechrintzis, Habitat for Humanity; Pam Wellman, Family Promise of Southern NH

Board meeting May 16th

2022-2023 Treasurer's Report – Meta Vornehm

The NAIC maintains three accounts: the NAIC general account as well as acting as a fiscal sponsor for the Interfaith Choir and the Crop Walk.

Income:

Our primary source of revenue is member dues. This year, dues were optional. We also collected cash donations at the Thanksgiving Service. Normally we collect donations at The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service, which was not held in 2023.

Expenses:

Our largest expense is donations to charitable causes, primarily associated with our speakers. We made a significant donation of \$1,067.50 to Family Promise of Southern NH this year, matching the funds donated at the Thanksgiving Service with funds from the general account. We also pay administrative costs: fees (State of NH Annual Report) and supplies and services (post office box, web hosting, etc.).

Cash Flow:

The net cash flow (income minus expenses) for 2022-2023 is -\$850.74 for the NAIC general account (no change in the Christian Unity sub-account), -\$261.45 for the Interfaith Choir account, and -\$1,949.00 for the Crop Walk account. (The Crop Walk bought their Fall 2023 T-shirts this Spring.)

Balance Sheet 06/30/2023 (incl. expected expenses)		Expenses:Online Services	\$156.00
Assets		Expenses:US Post Office	\$230.00
Main Account	\$1,711.93	Money Out	\$2,309.49
Christian Unity	\$273.20	Difference	\$(850.74)
Choir	\$484.27		
Crop Walk	\$934.91		
Total Assets	\$3,404.31		
NAIC GENERAL ACCOUNT		INTERFAITH CHOIR ACCOUNT	
Cash Flow – 07/01/2022 to 06/30/2023		Cash Flow – 07/01/2022 to 06/30/2023	
Money into selected accounts comes from		Money into selected accounts comes from	
Income:Collections at services	\$533.75	Income:Choir Dues & Donations	\$0.00
Income:Dues	\$925.00	Money In	\$0.00
Money In	\$1,458.75	Money out of selected accounts goes to	
Money out of selected accounts goes to		Expenses:Choir:Sheet Music	\$261.45
Expenses:Charitable Donation – not speakers	\$1,067.50	Money Out	\$261.45
Expenses:Dues	\$250.00	Difference	(\$261.45)
Expenses:Fees	\$75.00		
Expenses:Gifts – Donations to speakers	\$450.00	CROP WALK ACCOUNT	
Expenses:Miscellaneous	\$80.99	Cash Flow – 07/01/2022 to 06/30/2023	
		Money into selected accounts comes from	

Income:Crop Walk Donations	\$4,100.00	Expenses:Crop Walk	\$6,049.00
Money In	\$4,100.00	Money Out	\$6,049.00
Money out of selected accounts goes to		Difference	\$(1,949.00)

Proposed 2023-2024 NAIC Budget

We are returning to our traditional dues structure for 2023-2024, i.e., dues are required. The 2023-2024 dues projected below are estimated based on pre-COVID years. The Interfaith Choir and Crop Walk project similar revenue and expenses as the past year (noting that the Crop Walk T-shirts have already been purchased).

Proposed 2023-2024 Budget

Revenues

Income

Christian Unity	\$200.00	
	\$1,400.00	
Dues	0	\$1,600.00
Total Revenue		0

Expenses

Christian Unity	\$125.00	
Thanksgiving Service	\$200.00	
Dues	\$250.00	
Online Services	\$160.00	
Fees	\$75.00	
Gifts - Donations to speakers	\$600.00	
US Post Office	\$250.00	
Supplies	\$30.00	\$1,690.00
Total Expenses		0
Net income for Proposed NAIC 2023-2024 Budget		-\$90.00

How did our projections match up with our actual 2022-2023 income/expenses?

	Proposed	Actual
Revenues		
Income		
Christian Unity	\$200.00	\$0.00
Dues	\$600.00	\$925.00
Total Revenue	\$800.00	\$925.00
Expenses		
Christian Unity	\$125.00	\$0.00
Thanksgiving Service	\$200.00	\$0.00
Dues	\$250.00	\$250.00
Miscellaneous		\$80.99
Online Services	\$60.00	\$156.00

Fees	\$75.00	\$75.00
Gifts - Donations to speakers	\$450.00	\$450.00
US Post Office	\$230.00	\$230.00
Supplies	\$30.00	\$0.00
Charitable Donations (match)		\$533.75
Total Expenses	\$1,420.00	\$1,775.74