

Attendance: John Rowntree, Kristy Besada, Matt Hodgkiss, James Jensen, Tom Woodward, Jon Spira-Savett, Meta Vornehm, Pam Wellman, Karl Hester, Kelly Turney, Bobbie Knickerbocker, Anna Molittieri, Allison Palm, Leah Rumsey, Caro Barschow, Nancy Meyer, Kim Hester, Mike Apfelberg, Tonya Stormo-Rasmussen, Nonny Egbuonu, Rich Bensinger, Rosemary Ford.

#### Introductions

Tom Woodward opened with prayer

Reflections of Jon Spira-Savett as outgoing president. Gratitude, recap of the council's work, emphasizing community building, peacemaking. Vision for growth, learning, living out the work of conscience and justice in Nashua; expanding the reach of NAIC.

#### Business:

Treasurer's report: Meta Vornehm prepared a written report, including tracked expenses, income and a proposed budget (embedded in minutes). Mike Apfelberg moved to approve the budget. Jim Jensen seconded. No discussion. 17 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstentions .

Clarification of membership process with optional dues: Please still fill out the membership form for 2022-23. If your organization needs to opt-out of dues this year, it can check the "opting out of dues" checkbox on the form. Please still send the form.

Choir report: submitted in writing by Rebecca Green (embedded in minutes).

CROP Walk report: submitted in writing by Rebecca Green (embedded in minutes). Upcoming Sunday, October 30th.

Cultural Connections Committee: Nonny Egbuonu. Committee is growing with the purpose of reaching out to immigrants who are still finding their way in the community. Committee hopes to make Nashua more welcoming to all who come. Upcoming Multicultural Festival will be on Sept 17th at Greeley Park.

Housing Justice: Kristy Besada. Worked with city officials toward passage and funding of an Affordable Housing Trust fund for Nashua, in addition to passage of an Inclusionary Zoning ordinance, which requires a portion of all housing developed in Nashua to include housing for folks below the median income. In addition, we have built relationships with state and local officials to learn more about what permanent solutions can increase housing inventory that is

affordable to folks living below the median income. At times, this work was done in direct cooperation with Granite State Organizing Project.

Spirituality Group w/ Emmaus Institute: With the help of Rev. Dr. Sundell and Rev. Dr. Manseau, Nonny and others have trained as pastoral care specialists to continue to help people who need care on Thursday mornings from 9-10. This has continued through the pandemic, but on Zoom. This has helped sustain people, even from outside the area.

Election of officers and board members:

The board nominates the following for this election cycle:

Nominee for President: John Rowntree

Nominee for VP: none at this time—the board will find a nominee.

Nominee for at-large: Meg Hamm (continued for a year)

Meta Vornehm (Treasurer), Kristy Besada (Secretary), Jon Spira-Savett (Past President) and Pam Wellman (at-large) continue on for 2022-23, per the bylaws.

Kelly Turney moved approval of this slate. Mike Apfelberg seconded.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

Announcements:

Meta Vornehm: Hannah from Brigid's House of Hope reports that they're near to opening their transitional housing and they are doing a raffle to raise money.

[https://www.aplos.com/aws/events/summer\\_calendar\\_raffle?fbclid=IwAR0F-4waEHwI7p1c3F3TsMAqr3OSL5Uql8ajPwyAi7udALQui3KDXitcTzw](https://www.aplos.com/aws/events/summer_calendar_raffle?fbclid=IwAR0F-4waEHwI7p1c3F3TsMAqr3OSL5Uql8ajPwyAi7udALQui3KDXitcTzw)

<https://www.brigidshouseofhope.org/>

Rosemary Ford: System director of Interpreter Services and Mobile Health Unit at St. Joseph Hospital. They are looking for more community partners to provide mobile health care to community members from multiple demographics. They provide non-urgent walk-in care: vaccines, etc. If members know of populations or groups who need healthcare, they're happy to bring their large van (Winnebago style) to partner for inclusive care for all. Access to 240 online languages. Rosemary Ford St Joseph Hospital [rsimpsonford@sjnh.org](mailto:rsimpsonford@sjnh.org)

Water Walk: Nonny appeals to how we can include shut-ins, the elderly, and immigrants. September 10th in Greeley Park.

Jon Spira-Savett is looking for ways to include youth in the NAIC work, particularly through entertainment.

Mike Apfelberg: United Way food drive is coming up Saturday and Sunday with a goal of collecting 2 tons or more of food. This will go to all local food pantries. Over the Edge event is coming up, and financial support for their rappelling teams is needed. Charles from the Water Walk will be on Mike Apfelberg's radio show this week.

Jon Spira-Savett: a series of vigils for Ukraine will continue on a monthly basis. July 17th at Temple Beth Abraham. Aug 21st at Church of the Good Shepherd. These will broaden in focus to engage other social justice issues, too.

Pam Wellman wants to express gratitude to the NAIC for the work that started and sustained what is now Family Promise of Greater Nashua.

**2021-2022 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. We also collected some small cash donations at a hybrid Thanksgiving Service (attendees were encouraged to donate online). Normally we collect donations at The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service which did not happen this year due to COVID.

Expenses:

Our largest expense is donations to causes associated with our speakers. We had a number of internal speakers which reduced our costs. 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 2021-2022 is +\$224.00 for the NAIC general account (no change in the Christian Unity sub-account), -\$66.03 for the Interfaith Choir account, and +\$1529.94 for the Crop Walk account.

**Balance Sheet 06/30/2022**

<b>Assets</b>	
Main Account	\$2,362.67
Christian Unity	\$273.20
Choir	\$745.72
Crop Walk	\$2,883.91
Total Assets	\$6,265.50

**NAIC GENERAL ACCOUNT**

<b>Cash Flow - 07/01/2021 to 06/30/2022</b>	
Money into selected accounts comes from	
Income:Collections at services	\$44.00
	\$1,125.00
Income:Dues	0
	\$1,169.00
Money In	0
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Money out of selected accounts goes to	
Expenses:Charitable Donation - not speakers	\$44.00
Expenses:Dues	\$250.00
Expenses:Fees	\$75.00

Expenses:Gifts - Donations to speakers	\$300.00
Expenses:Online Services	\$60.00
Expenses:US Post Office	\$216.00
Money Out	\$945.00
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Difference	\$224.00

**INTERFAITH CHOIR ACCOUNT**

<b>Cash Flow - 07/01/2021 to 06/30/2022</b>	
Money into selected accounts comes from	
Income:Choir Dues & Donations	\$360.00
Money In	\$360.00
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Money out of selected accounts goes to	
Expenses:Choir:Sheet Music	\$426.03
Money Out	\$426.03
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	(\$66.03)
Difference	)

**CROP WALK ACCOUNT**

<b>Cash Flow - 07/01/2021 to 06/30/2022</b>	
Money into selected accounts comes from	

Income:Crop Walk Donations	\$4,650.00
Money In	\$4,650.00
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Money out of selected accounts goes to	

Expenses:Crop Walk	\$3,120.06
Money Out	\$3,120.06
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Difference	\$1,529.94

### Proposed 2022-2023 NAIC Budget

In recognition of the hardships many have experienced during COVID, we are making dues optional for 2022-2023. To account for this, the 2022-2023 dues projected below are conservatively estimated at about half of the 2021-2022 dues received. We also hope to resume some in-person meetings and interfaith services. The Interfaith Choir and Crop Walk project similar revenue and expenses as the past year.

#### Proposed 2022-2023 Budget

##### Revenues

##### Income

Christian Unity	\$200.00	
Dues	\$600.00	
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$800.00</b>

##### Expenses

Christian Unity	\$125.00	
Thanksgiving Service	\$200.00	
Dues	\$250.00	
Online Services	\$60.00	
Fees	\$75.00	
Gifts - Donations to speakers	\$450.00	
US Post Office	\$230.00	
Supplies	\$30.00	
		\$1,420.0
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Net income for Proposed NAIC 2022-2023 Budget</b>		<b>-\$620.00</b>

#### How did our projections match up with our actual 2021-2022 income/expenses?

	Proposed	Actual
<b>Revenues</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Christian Unity	\$200.00	\$0.00
Dues	\$1,300.00	\$1,125.0
		0
		\$1,125.0
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Christian Unity	\$125.00	\$0.00
Thanksgiving Service	\$250.00	\$0.00
Dues	\$250.00	\$250.00
Online Services	\$60.00	\$60.00
Fees	\$75.00	\$75.00
Gifts - Donations to speakers	\$450.00	\$300.00
US Post Office	\$210.00	\$216.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,420.00</b>	<b>\$901.00</b>



## **Report Greater Nashua Crop Hunger Walk 2021**

This year's walk found us back together again, in person, coming and going from the tent behind TBA. It was a safe and joyful event involving close to 300 people (273 registered). With the addition of the Souhegan Valley people we now have 21 faith communities. We are the second largest walk in New England! And we raised \$57,084. Each of our 5 recipient agencies received \$2849. The five agencies are:

Corpus Christi Food Pantry

Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter

Merrimack Community Food Pantry

St John Neumann Food Pantry

Share Inc of Milford

This year's walk will again begin and end at the TBA tent, but will return to walking downtown with a goal to view the community gardens near to Church of the Good Shepherd. The walk will take place on October 30

## Report NAIC June 2022 Greater Nashua Interfaith Choir

The Greater Nashua Interfaith Choir is slowly coming back to life. Currently there are 28 singers plus 2 directors and an accompanist, that have registered their vaccine cards with me, up to and including the first booster.

We sang in person, 14 of us, in the tent at the Cropwalk. 17 of us recorded together for the Thanksgiving service. Then 20 of us video recorded for MLK, and finally 16 of us sang in person with masks at Rivier for the Holocaust observance. That was a challenge as Julie was in Florida and Jed had some Covid, but one of our able soprano musicians stepped up and conducted us.

We plan to sing at the Nashua Multicultural Festival in September. Hopefully our numbers will grow as the year progresses and events hopefully become safer for singers.