



**BOARD MEETING AGENDA for 7 Jun 09**

Meeting 6:00 pm Sunday 7 June 2009 at Unity of Toledo (church at 3535 Exec Pkwy).

**A. OPENING**

1. Introductions, Roll Call of Officers and Opportunity to Modify Agenda
2. Opening Meditation – Judy Trautman – and others who wish to contribute.
3. MFC COVENANT (above), VISION: Drawing together diverse faiths, in mutual respect, friendship, cooperation and service and MISSION: Developing the tools, processes and activities for a safe environment to support the Vision
4. Treasurer’s Report – Jim Morford – memberships/sponsorships

**B. INITIATIVES**

1. **Habitat** – Woody Trautman, in a 27 May memo to the Board gave his rationale for recommending to NOT participate in Habitat this year, and called for final Board vote on 7 June. Key points were lack of MFC leadership, severe difficulty in raising sufficient funds from the faith communities, lack of rehab project experience and not doing it for a known partner family.

Because Judy and I will **not** provide leadership this year, should the Board vote to accept the Habitat offer of sponsorship of this Habitat Rehab, it must provide new overall project leadership. This must embrace overall coordination with the Habitat office, fund-raising (\$15,000), recruitment and assignment of volunteers such as to achieve a maximum for diverse "mingle and chat" and conduct whatever hospitality functions will be appropriate, including possible Blessing and Dedication. **Board discussion and vote**

2. **Ninth Banquet Preliminaries at Masjid Saad** – Regina Silletti and Woody Trautman. After reviewing several criteria and possible options, given two major Mosques in Toledo and it having been six years since our Banquet at the Islamic Center in Perrysburg, it would be opportune to ask Masjid Saad to host our ninth Banquet in 2010. Accordingly, Woody spoke to Dr. Abed Alo of the leadership cadre of Masjid Saad and he offered to present our request / invitation (prepared by WT) to their Board on 4 June. We await his response. General comments are welcome on criteria and locations and specifically on the role Masjid Saad could play as a Banquet host.
3. **Family Picnic**, Perrysburg Mosque, Sunday 12 July 3-7 pm New location approved by Board email vote on 2 June. Time is now short so we must staff the Picnic component activities at this Board meeting. **Please volunteer for vacant spots in the list below** or to help someone listed or to help in ways not in the list
  - a. We are very grateful for the hospitality of the Torrence Farm for our last three picnics but because of Glen’s rapidly declining health, both he and Jean are comfortable with the decision to change this year. The new location will be different but very well suited to our needs, and we deeply appreciate the invitation, initiated by Emmett Kadri.
  - b. Conditions: no rental fee, but MFC will be responsible for one-day liability coverage, an outside privy, setup and clean up. Pavilion, eating tables with attached benches, water and grilling equipment, sports gear and playground equipment are already installed.

TASK	VOLUNTEER	TASK	VOLUNTEER
<b>OVERALL PLANNING &amp; COORDINATION</b>		<b>OVERALL ACTIVITIES COORDINATION</b>	Gwen Wilson & Peggy Borel
MC incl PA equip	Joe Zielinski	Mixers (young & adult)	
publicity		Discussion groups (youth?)	

setup (Sat AM & Sun mid-day)	Joe Moran & Men's Group?	Sing-along	
signage & parking		Kids - Face painting, arts,	
festive decorations	Judy Nickoloff	Young youth games (eg 3-legged race)	
<b>REGISTRATION and name tags</b>	Harry & Regina Silletti, John Krochmalny	General sports (volley ball, basket ball, soccer, badminton, tug-O-peace,	
<b>FOOD &amp; BEVERAGE COORDINATION</b>	Linda Morford, Judy Nickoloff, Barb Krochmalny	cleanup (Sun PM).	Men-s Group?
Appetizers		<b>OTHER</b>	
Potluck dishes reception & display		Liaison with the Mosque	Emmett Kadri
Furnished (grilling meat, corn, watermelon)			
Cooking tasks	Jim Morford, John Krochmalny		

#### 5. Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Initiatives

- a. New Church Gardens Project – Several church, temple, mosque congregations already have or are planning their own gardens and MFC could encourage others to do likewise. We could then consider a fall MultiFaith Harvest Celebration, perhaps instead of the MFC Thanksgiving Celebration. The Toledo Grows program could supply seeds
- b. New Youth Offender / Gardening Project – Chuck Stocking, Mike Szuberla and Woody Trautman have had conversations about a joint project between Toledo Grows and MFC. Specific initial plans were formulated at a meeting on 4 June at the project garden at Glenwood Lutheran Church. Additional participants were Charlie Johnson, Horace Huse, Robert Brundage and Judy Trautman. Judy created a flyer to summarize the outcomes and sent it separately to the Board. **Request Board approval.**
- c. Other Initiatives – Congregations can be encouraged to do facility and lifestyle assessments of carbon footprint and develop plans for reduction, perhaps in linkage with Ohio Interfaith Power and Light. Other actions include clean-up of streams and pill collection and disposal. Need focus and leadership.
- d. Website Presence – If desired, MFC can setup a separate website, for example, [www.green.multifaithjourneys.org](http://www.green.multifaithjourneys.org), to promote these activities and provide a forum for sharing results.

4. Advisory Board Report – Chuck Stocking, Chair. The following summary for the 6 May Mtg was prepared by Chuck from notes by Tom Klein. We cannot deal effectively at the current time with these many good suggestions but we will note for each what our intention should be. **Specific Board Action for Items 1 and 8.**

<i>What (Points of agreement)</i>	<i>By Whom:</i>
<b>1. It is time for another planning and visioning RETREAT. Part of the purpose would be to address not only programmatic priorities but also succession planning.</b>	John K. agreed to lead if the MFC wanted to have one.
2. Continued discussion of <b>INTERNSHIPS</b> for MFC and that we might explore “overlapping internships” so that there is continuity	Larry Murphy might explore this further at Lourdes
3. There was discussion about whether MFC should consider MFC Council a <b>PART-TIME PAID LEADER</b> to partially address the succession issue...	refer this to the MFC
4. On the subject of environmental stewardship, there was much discussion about what the churches are doing and an expressed interest in the <b>YOUTH OFFENDER PROGRAM</b> . General feeling is that this would be a good	Chuck will work with Woody and Botanical Gardens to put together a statement that can be

direction for MFC programming to go but it needs to be spelled out more clearly with a position description and “talking points so that the different congregations could recruit volunteers. The possibility of having a “core group” of youth volunteers from the different faith groups/schools who would provide the project leadership was discussed and determined to be worth pursuing.	used. <a href="#">Agenda item B5b</a>
5. Woody to be asked to work with UT. to identify one student to participate in the <b>YOUTH LEADERSHIP</b> group; Hydie to explore volunteer(s) from MVCDS; Larry to explore at Lourdes; Meena said she would check with the youth group At the Islamic Center.	
6. <b>BLOOD DRIVE</b> deserves support. Several took posters.	All to share in their faith groups
7. <b>GLEN TORRENCE</b> needs our prayerful support.	All to include Glen in our prayers.
<b>8. Meena also discussed the possibilities of hosting FUND-RAISING activities (Rummage Sale) and that she would be happy to take the lead.</b>	Refer for consideration to the MFC Council at next meeting.
9. Consider doing a <b>HABITAT REHAB</b> of an existing structure rather than a new home build. Refer to the MFC Bd.	MFC Bd. For discussion. <a href="#">Agenda Item B1</a>

6. **Interfaith Blood Drive** – Dorothy Friedrich

**C. CALENDAR of FUTURE EVENTS**

(See websites [www.multifaithcouncil.org](http://www.multifaithcouncil.org) and [www.multifaithjourneys.org](http://www.multifaithjourneys.org) for details)

- “Tables of 8” – two tables meeting during spring. New tables to form in fall. <http://tables.multifaithjourneys.org>
  - Women’s Group – Judy Nickoloff will coordinate planning and publicity this summer for the nest program season beginning in Sept.
  - Erase the Hate – Judy Trautman new Co-Chair with Juanita Greene. This establishes an even closer relationship between EtH and MFC...
  - Watch for information of the Toledo Area Ministries Faith Institution Summer Tours
1. Men’s Group – Newly interested men may come to the next meeting at Woody Trautman’s home on 16 June and 21 July at Emmett Kadri’s home. <http://men.multifaithjourneys.org> includes an interactive blog for topic discussions
  2. 18 June, 6:30 – 9:00 Dances of Universal Peace at Ottawa Park Shelter. Bring dish to share and grill meat if desired. Beverages & grills supplied.
  3. 20-21 June– 22<sup>nd</sup> Interfaith Blood Drive at Grace Lutheran Church, 4441 Monroe St (Dorothy Friedrich)
  4. 21 June– Blood Drive “Celebration of Life” Interfaith Service at St Michael's In The Hills- (D Friedrich)
  5. 25-28 June – North American Interfaith Network Conference, Kansas City, MO Registration now open. **Judy Trautman will conduct a workshop on MFC community education .**
  6. 12 July – 3 to 7 pm, MFC Annual Family Picnic on the grounds of the Islamic Center of Greater Toledo, Perrysburg
  7. August – Hindu Festival
  8. 15-16 August - Islamic International Festival
  9. September - “Taste of Diversity”
  10. Fall – Baha’i Community once-a-week exploration of faith statements on the environment and related scriptural messages from the world's religious traditions
  11. 3-9 Dec – Parliament of the World’s Religions in Melbourne, Australia – **“Make a World of Difference: Hearing each other, Healing the earth”** reflects the urgent need for religious and spiritual communities and all people of goodwill to act on their concerns for the environment, peace, and overcoming poverty, and to take responsibility for cultivating awareness of our global interconnectedness. **Kuldeep & Roni Singh as representatives of MFC**

**D. CLOSING**

13 Sept, 11 Oct, 1 Nov and 6 Dec 2009