Minutes IJC zoom meeting 3/15/2023 at 4pm

Attendance: Myrna C, Trisha L, Ted Z, Lorrie D, Betty B, Nancy W.

CAPAS update/ Host/ Trisha L.

The childrens’ colds almost all cleared. Mother still in the mends. Have additional copayments to pay for the childrens’ doctors visits. Looking into summer programs for the children.Host placed CAPAS family on the waiting list for public housing at Palm Port in NP. Another possible resource for affordable housing Willow Creek, Pan American Blvd, North Port. Blanchard House has hub housing, 8 affordable apartments is another . Lorrie offered to help.

Asylum application in the works, Sorangel awaiting for an additional doc from Venezuela to complete the application.

Technical College in Port Charlotte offers ESL program for adults and counselling to get mother on career track. Lorrie/Trisha will investigate further.

Treasury report.

IJC balance sent to Team Brownsville. Current balance “0”. Ted. CAPAS account current balance $28,741.93 (not included $350. For March). Nancy stated Faithify brought in $1,000 the 1st month, and $250 second month. Cannot reapply.

Another fundraiser is suggested for high season (January 2024) for CAPAS project such as Beatles concert.

Organizational chart needed for CAPAS project/ Myrna

Need to have an organization chart where tasks are listed and assigned. Others are in agreement. Myrna will forward a draft so we can work on it and address it at our next meeting Wedn. 4/5/2023.

ESL/ELL volunteer project and Interfaith Council

Linda R recruited another volunteer for the project who is a male reporter for Florida Weekly. Encouraged others to join the live stream of Interfaith Council chaired by UU Tampa on Monday 3/20/23 at 6:30pm. Their focus is immigration legislations. Notice on the UUFCC Weekly update.

New Business

NAACP meeting March 23, 2023 6-8pm at UUFCC.

Ted will forward email with link to view a documentary film on immigrant conditions at US/Mexico border.

Laura Sapalio, CAPAS director stated at CAPAS group meeting 3/9/2023 that she will try to arrange a meet-up for CAPAS groups at this year’s GA meeting taking place in Pittsburg.

Adjournment.

Next meeting Wedn. April 5, 2023

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Minutes for IJC meeting on Wedn April 5, 2023

IJC working on the organization chart. Host family requesting more support. Requesting recreational and outings for the family. Help in searching for housing since the host family has only committed for one year. Lorrie will check some of the public housing options, Trisha will forward her a short list. Myrna will visit the SC technical college with Sorangel and check out the ESL program and explored career options. Family meetings with translator, Betty committed for 1st and 3rd Monday of everymonth for 12:30. Trisha will recruit Vielka and Lisset for the other two mondays.

Short meeting. Next meeting the focus will be the organization chart.