

Present were James Lafolette, Dean Hackett, Terry Cummings (arrived at 4:03pm), and Chris Hankel. Member Kristi Atkins and Council representatives Rod Hardin and Maria Duron were excused. Also present was City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong and Youth Advisory Member Katelyn Wadkins. Chris opened the meeting in prayer at 4:02pm.

### **Youth Advisor Introduction**

Youth Advisory Member Katelyn Wadkins stated she is a high school senior and is involved in many sports and extra-curricular activities. She became involved with FBAC when replying to an email from Mr. Aaron Davis, a high school teacher, regarding students being interested in participating in City Committees. This new program is a way to open the door and encourage public participation and volunteerism as the youth will one day be leaders in this community. She stated she looked through the list and asked to be involved in FBAC as her first choice and is excited to be a part of the Committee.

### **School Adoption: Service Ideas**

The Committee reviewed the school adoption list, made updates, and spoke regarding some of the efforts that have already been made, to include:

- Sunday night prayers around the school that includes picking up trash and reporting any vandalism or security issues
- Making security curtains for classroom doors
- Providing:
  - Daycare, translators, and snacks during conferences
  - Snacks for staff once per month
  - Coats and gloves for kids during winter
  - Specific items for families in need
  - Enough school supplies for 80-100 students each year, until the school started providing free supplies to all students
  - Readers/listeners to help children with in class reading

Lilly suggested churches consider providing a variety of shirts in different sizes and styles for students at the Junior High Schools and High School. This would allow students, who are dress-coded, to change into something that is not provided by the school as school provided clothing is specific and is an indicator to all that that person has been asked to change.

Chris stated he will reach out to the Administrations at the Junior High and High School about needs in their schools and will let the Committee know what he finds out.

James stated he will email elementary schools and do the same.

### **National Faith & Blue Weekend Updates and Action Plan**

Terry stated Chaplains met with staff members of the Parks and Recreation Department and had a great brainstorming meeting (meeting mins attached). Terry stated the event is being combined with Hermiston Fall Festival which is planned for the entire weekend. The Chaplains will be in charge of “the service” as the FBAC did not meet during the summer months. All area law enforcement has been invited to attend and participate in the service. Kid activities are being planned, to include: bounce houses, games, free pumpkin carving, patrol cars, having a K-9 Officer/dog present, and more.

A video is also being created and will be pushed out to the community to let them know that this event is a call to action for the faith community as this community continues to support its law enforcement officials. It's also a way for law enforcement to see and hear the support their community has for them.

### **Miscellaneous Discussion & Announcements**

#### **Soul Care**

James presented (handouts attached) information regarding Soul Care, a new program from Good Shephard Hospital. The program is intended to develop and strengthen relationships between the hospital and the faith community by offering spiritual care in their facility. The Committee spoke on the benefits of this new program and their excitement to offer support to this endeavor.

(Katelyn exited the meeting 4:50pm)

### **Minutes**

Chris moved and Terry seconded to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Motion carried unanimously. (The Committee usually meets every other month with summers off. There were no meetings in May, June, July, or August.)

### **Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair through 06/30/2023**

Dean moved and Terry seconded to table this discussion and decision until every member is present. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Next Meeting**

Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. Lilly stated this meeting is expected to be held in the new City Hall's Council Chamber if the building is operational. If not, the Committee will meet in the Library's Meeting Room. Lilly will let the Committee know prior to the meeting where the meeting will be held.

### **Adjournment**

There was no other business and Dean adjourned the meeting in prayer at 4:58pm.



# Soul Care

*The difference between curing and healing*

**IF YOU are a FAITH COMMUNITY MINISTER in Hermiston, Stanfield, Echo, Umatilla, Irrigon or Boardman, please PLAN TO ATTEND our SOUL CARE SUMMIT, Thursday Sept. 29th from 8-9:00 a.m. at Victory Square Park in Hermiston.**

This is a public re-affirmation of the spiritual roots of Good Shepherd, originally formed by churches to “guide, nurture and protect” citizens of Hermiston and Umatilla County. Breakfast will be provided.

- You will hear from our CEO, two of our Vice Presidents, several of your colleagues and have a chance for questions.
- You will receive valuable crisis resources and information pertinent to your ministries.
- You will learn about the new opportunity to be part of the expanding Soul Care team at Good Shepherd.
- You will experience how this Soul Care Summit might well be a springboard for more collaborative ministry in Western Umatilla County and Eastern Morrow County.

**RSVP to me directly by Sept 8 using the phone number or the email address at the bottom of this note.** If you have updated contact information (email and cell phone) please provide that as well. **Also**, if you are already clear that you will be unable to attend, please know that we still need your correct contact information (you may send it along as directed above). Area ministers will be key stakeholders in Good Shepherd patient care going forward. We will do our best to find alternatives to make sure you are included in the content and outcomes of this unique gathering.

We are excited about the changes ahead and hope that you will decide to be part of the developing SOUL CARE program at Good Shepherd.

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Si USTED es un MINISTRO DE UNA COMUNIDAD DE FE en Hermiston, Stanfield, Echo, Umatilla, Irrigon o Boardman, POR FAVOR HAGA PLANES PARA ASISTIR a nuestra CUMBRE DEL **CUIDADO DEL ALMA (SOUL CARE)**, el Jueves 29 de Septiembre de 8 a 900 a. m., Victory Square Park, Hermiston

La Administración de Good Shepherd y yo nos gustaría que usted sea parte de una reafirmación pública de las raíces espirituales de Good Shepherd, originalmente formado por iglesias para "guiar, nutrir y proteger" a los ciudadanos de Hermiston y del condado de Umatilla. Lo estamos llamando "Cumbre de Cuidado del Alma" (Soul Care Summit). Se proveerá desayuno.

- Escuchará a nuestro Director Ejecutivo, dos de nuestros vicepresidentes, varios de sus colegas y tendrá la oportunidad de hacer preguntas.
- Recibirá valiosos recursos para crisis e información pertinente a sus ministerios.
- Aprenderá sobre la nueva oportunidad de ser parte del equipo de Cuidado del Alma (*Soul Care*) en expansión en Good Shepherd.
- Esto nunca se ha realizado antes y bien puede ser un trampolín para un ministerio más colaborativo en el Oeste del Condado de Umatilla y el Este del Condado de Morrow.

Porfavor, anote esta fecha en su calendario y **confirme su asistencia antes del 8 de Septiembre utilizando el número de teléfono o el correo electrónico que se encuentran al final de esta nota.** Si tiene información de contacto actualizada (correo electrónico y teléfono celular), indíquelo también. Enviaremos información importante sobre este evento antes y después. Queremos tener la mejor oportunidad de comunicarnos con usted directamente.

Si no va poder asistir, aún necesitamos sus datos de contacto correctos. ¡Por favor envíelos! Los ministros del área serán partes clave en el futuro de la atención al paciente del Good Shepherd. Haremos todo lo posible para encontrar alternativas para asegurarnos de que esté incluido en el contenido y los resultados de esta reunión única.

Estamos entusiasmados con los cambios que vienen y esperamos que decida ser parte del desarrollo del programa CUIDADO DEL ALMA (SOUL CARE) de Good Shepherd.

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## Faith and Blue Service Ideas

The chaplains met on August 3, 202 and discussed multiple ideas on how to make this service as meaningful as possible. Below are ideas, suggestions and a proposed outline of the service. We will meet again to try and finalize details.

Our discussion resulted in our thoughts that the following four elements should be included in the service portion of this event: recognition, thank you, prayer and a call to action. Of course each of these resulted in many ideas but for now we ended with the following four parts to our 30 minute service (which will be honed and tweaked as we get closer to the event).

Suggested time: 12:30 p.m. (Is this the best time?).

Suggested length: 30 minutes

Suggested location: not determined at this time

Service Agenda: (four parts)

1. Chaplain Finn will begin with a welcome and introduction of all LE (blue) by agency. We may ask them to stand briefly (if we are inside and seated) to be recognized. This should take approximately 4 to 5 minutes.
2. Chaplain Ramirez will ask three pastors to join him for a time of prayer for LE. Each pastor will be asked to pray for a specific area/need and Hector will close the prayer time. This part will be approximately 8 minutes and will not exceed 10 minutes.
3. Chaplain Cummings will address our heartfelt appreciation and thanks to our officers for their dedicated service and for answering the call to serve, hopefully with thoughts to encourage the faith community. This will be approximately 4 to 5 minutes.
4. Chaplain Johnson will present a challenge to LE and the general public by giving his testimony through the police, military and finally chaplain segments of his life and end with a challenge to LE and a call to action to the faith community. Time not to exceed 10 minutes.

There are many more details to be worked out but this is our general goal at this time. A main question we have at this time is whether we will be inside or outside for this service.