

Present were James Lafolette, Dean Hackett, Terry Cummings, and Chris Hankel. Also present were Council representatives Rod Hardin and Jackie Linton, as well as City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong. The meeting was opened in prayer by Rod at 4:00pm.

Minutes

Terry moved and Dean seconded to approve the minutes of the December meeting. Motion carried unanimously. There were no meetings in January, February, and March.

New Business

The Committee and people in the audience spoke regarding:

- I Love My City Information & Updates (planned for May 20 & 21 at EOTEC)
- Eastern Oregon First-Responders Chaplain's Association 501c3 Information
- Family Promise and Made to Thrive
- School Adoption Program
- Community Accountability Board (CAB) and It's Just Dinner

Committee members spoke regarding the continuing purpose of the Committee. Many of the items above were initiated by this Committee and have been passed on to other organizations and groups who have continued to grow most of these programs. The Committee is at a standstill and needs to know what the function of the group is and should be, and if there is value in continuing the Committee.

After some discussion, the committee agreed there is still value in meeting in this capacity to support the City in Faith-Based efforts. The Committee and members of the audience discussed the Committee focusing on current and potential future crisis situations, such as:

- Helping children by providing Foster Care
- Emergency Planning, specifically discussing food shortage, as food shortage has not been talk about in other Umatilla County Emergency Management Planning meetings that members of this group have attended.

The Committee decided James and Dean will meet with City Manager Smith and Mayor Drotzmann before their next meeting and ask them what they would like the Committee to focus on or work towards.

Other

There was discussion regarding:

- Art of Neighboring book regarding loving thy neighbor as Jesus said
- Adopt a Street Program from the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce
- National Law Enforcement Week May 14-20
- National Faith Blue & Red event on October 7th. This is a change from last year's National Faith and Blue event
 - There was discussion regarding how to get more churches involved in this event

Next Meeting

Tuesday, June 6 at 4:00pm in the Large Board Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall.

Adjournment

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned in prayer by Terry at 5:05pm.