



Faith-Based Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2025

Present were committee members Dan Mahon, James Lafolette, and Joe Sharon. Rafael Vargas and Terry Cummings were excused. Also present were Council Representative Allen Hayward and Planning Assistant Heather La Beau. Council Representative Jackie Linton was not in attendance. There were no Youth Advisors present.

Minutes

James moved and Joe seconded to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2025, regular meeting. Motion passed with Dan, James, and Joe voting in favor.

Stepping Stones Alliance (SSA) Updates: SSA Executive Director Jessalyn Cole delivered an update on Stepping Stones to include:

- Gala Fundraiser Oct 11- ticket sales are at about 160
The event will include dinner, live and silent auctions, dessert dash, heads & tails game, and an impact video
- Solar Panels have been installed as part of an AWS project
- Recently the sleep center hosted 26 guests; max capacity is 40
- The huts are at capacity

TruCare Pregnancy Clinic Presentation

The presentation will be rescheduled to a future meeting. Dan stated the clinic is hosting a dessert fundraiser on Oct 21 at 6pm at the Hermiston Community Center. The speaker is Representative Greg Smith.

October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. This was established in 1988 by President Reagan to recognize parents' grief and demonstrate support. Solid Rock Community Church is hosting a remembrance service on Oct 15 at 6pm. Oasis Vineyard Church

School Adoption support

Joe shared he coordinated providing translation services for the Fall and Spring Welcome (parent-teacher conferences). Dan suggested Joe reach out to the Catholic Church and for all to consider outreach to the teachers, not just the students at the adopted schools.

Dan is to follow-up with Zeal Church, Church of the Nazarene, and Living Faith Church. Rafael is to follow-up with New Hope Community Church, Cornerstone Baptist Church, and the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for November 4 at 4pm at City Hall, 180 NE 2nd St.

Adjournment

There was no other business, and James closed the meeting in prayer at 4:38pm.