

**Iowa WINS** (Iowa Welcomes Immigrant Neighbors) **Commission**

**Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 7:15 PM**

**(Note that we will meet in the Gathering Area before the meeting and move into the sanctuary for our meeting once the bells practice is complete.**

Conference Call option: Call (408) 650-3123 Access Code: 530-244-389

First Presbyterian Church

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OUR VISION:

That the greater Mount Pleasant community would be an inclusive and hospitable community that welcomes people from across the world looking for a new home.

In order to achieve that vision, the MISSION OF IowaWINs is to:

* Identify the issues that newcomers face here, to provide solutions and help integrate them with the community at large.
* Build relationships among the diverse members of our community.
* Build and maintain the infrastructures and sustainable programs that improve opportunity and services now and for future generations of immigrants.
* Provide educational and cultural outlets to the community to learn more about the people (and their needs) who come to Mount Pleasant.

**Agenda**

* **Introductions and thank you’s**
* **Update on status of immigrant men detained by ICE and their families**
	+ 3 men are still detained due to prior deportation charges
		- 1 is scheduled for trial on 10/1 at 9 AM in Davenport
		- 1 is scheduled for a status conference on 10/26
		- 1 is scheduled for trial on 10/29 at 9 AM in Davenport
	+ Also, the 15-year-old son of one of the men who was deported is now on a path to having his status adjusted to allow him to stay in the US and potentially be eligible for permanent residency.
* **Need to select new weekday evening for Iowa WINs meetings. Stand up to vote!**
* **Updates from sub-teams to address the following issues**
* **Family support**
* **Physical donations and Food Pantry**
* **Education support**
	+ Rosetta Stone – English/Spanish computers – ready to go in new locations at the church
		- 2 computers in the food pantry
		- 2 computers in the gathering space
		- Appointments are available at the learners’ convenience since we have several flexible volunteers to get the learners familiar with the software.
* **Financial Oversight and Fundraising** – Update on funds raised
	+ We will be accepting donations at this meeting to help us achieve our goal of raising the dollar amount for living and legal expenses for the families.
	+ Auction to raise funds in October
	+ October 26th fundraising luncheon in Fairfield – need volunteers and paper plates/utensils.
	+ IowaWINs pins for $2 – at First Presbyterian Church and at The Raven downtown
	+ Letters being sent to previous donors to IowaWINs to acknowledge their gifts, update them on the status of IowaWINs and the families and encourage additional donations.
	+ One grant has been submitted to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and another will be submitted this month to the national Presbyterian Women organization.
* **Media/Social Media**
	+ IowaWINs is now on Instagram thanks to Amy Clark. Please send photos/post to her for inclusion.
	+ Thanks to Leanna Miller we have collected several stories from the families affected by the ICE Raid.
		- Potential to have family photos taken to be given to the families and potentially to be used with permission in media stories
		- Sherril Gibbs is a talented amateur photographer and is volunteering to take photos.
		- Input on photography, when, where?
	+ See below for recent articles/videos on Immigration. You can access all these items and more on our Google Drive: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1NoULa7-bIvRdIsFzCLidl6sSyEE4y5F_> (Please note that the last character in this link is an underscore “\_”. )
		- September 2018
			* 9/04/2018 Candidate Immigration Question Guide
			* 9/04/2018 How does SF 481 affect Iowans
			* 9/04/2018 Immigration in small-town Iowa: One church reaches out to the community
			* 9/01/2018 Social Justice Resource Center September Newsletter
		- August 2018
			* 8/31/2018 Border: Miller wants to continue working with immigrants
			* 8/31/2018 Fairfield native visits U.S.-Mexico border
			* 8/31/2018 Building a Regime of Restrictive Immigration Laws, 1840-1945
			* 8/27/2018 Boy foregoes birthday presents, donates supplies to immigrants
			* 8/26/2008 Know Your Rights Red Card (Spanish and English) -- Immigrant Legal Resource Center
			* 8/26/2018 Racial and Ethnic profiling -- an Illinois example
			* 8/25/2008 Iowa slaying focuses attention on immigrants in agriculture
			* 8/24/2018 Iowa WINs brochure -- Final Aug 23 (pdf and WORD)
			* 8/21/2018 Cuando ICE se presenta en su Negocio (ICE in business -- Spanish)
			* 8/21/2018 ICE in business (English)
			* 8/20/2018 Turning Back the Tide of Hate in Iowa and Beyond
			* 8/20/2018 Welcoming Immigrant Children in School
			* 8/18/2018 Building a Rapid-Response Network to Defend Immigrant Workers
			* 8/17/2018 Lingo Lessons -- ESL at SCC
			* 8/08/2018 ICE strategic plan 2016-2020
			* 8/05/2018 The Power of Abolish ICE - Opinion - New York Times
			* 8/01/2018 Link to Senate Immigration Hearing on July 31, 2018
		- New Videos
			* 8/26/2018 Iowans gathered at the State Capitol on April 11th to protest the anti-immigrant law (Dream Iowa)
			* 8/25/2018 SF 481 United, we are all Iowa. Unidos, todos somos Iowa (Dream Iowa)
* **Governmental contact**
	+ Local government contacts – next steps to build relationship
	+ ACLU Representative, Kylie Gottschalk – discussed ACLU work on behalf of immigrants at recent Iowa WINs Leadership meeting. The ACLU is not able to take on individual cases unless they could have a positive impact on a larger group of people but are happy to receive input on individual challenges, so they can observe any trends. Any unfair treatment that immigrants experience with law enforcement should be shared with the ACLU. Information and questions can be sent to the email below and a variety of resources are available at the ACLU Iowa website listed below.
		- legal.program@aclu-ia.org
		- <https://www.aclu-ia.org/>
* **Events and event planning**
	+ West Liberty ICE Raid Preparation Meeting – August 11 – Pastor Trey and Tammy participated and there was a great deal of interest in learning about our experience, so they can prepare their community for potential ICE raids.
	+ Presbytery Meeting – August 12 – Pastor Trey, Lynn Ellsworth and Janet Cermak were able to present our experience with the ICE raid.
	+ Business and Professional Women – August 16 – Tammy Shull presented to this organization who were very interested in learning what had and is happening.
	+ Immigration Summit on August 25
		- Attendees: Pastor Trey Hegar, Tammy Shull, Bob Mueller, Jean Thomson, Joy Lapp, Julieta Reza, Yesica Reza, Annalisa Miller, Lois Crane.
		- Pastor Trey and Julietta were part of the panel discussing Rapid Response: Lessons from Mt. Pleasant.
		- Pastor Trey and Tammy co-presented the concurrent workshop on coordinating human needs support. We shared a workbook that Pastor Trey developed to help other communities prepare for and respond to ICE crises. Workbook attached!
		- Brochure – Bob Mueller developed a brochure for IowaWINs for distribution at the Immigration Summit this weekend and other future events. Thanks Bob! Brochure attached!
	+ IW Global Issues Classes – September 5th – Pastor Trey and Tammy shared the Mt. Pleasant ICE raid story with the students. Thanks to Dr. Joy Lapp for inviting us to present.
	+ Fairfield Labor Day Event – 9/3/2018 – Annalisa Miller was our representative and there was significant interest in Iowa WINs.
	+ Upcoming events:
		- Fairfield International Events
			* International Day of Peace Symposium, Friday, 9/21
				+ Bob Mueller is moderating a panel discussion on immigration
				+ IowaWINs and LULAC information tables – Annalisa and Bob staffing for IowaWINs and David Suarez staffing for LULAC
			* International Festival, Saturday, 9/22
				+ IowaWINs and LULAC staffing information tables – Annalisa and Tammy staffing for IowaWINS; David Suarez staffing for LULAC
			* See attached schedule of events, please consider volunteering some time at the table and enjoying the event.
	+ Schedule Genesis of Exodus
	+ We have a box for setting up an Iowa WINs table at events -- table cloth, brochures, flyers, signup sheets, clip boards, pens. instructions, etc.  Contact Bob Mueller at mayatoddbob@aim.com
* Next meeting to be determined at the meeting.

Thanks,

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