

**HYDE PARK CLUSTER MEETING
INTERFAITH OPEN COMMUNITIES
Minutes: November 8, 2004**

Present: Marlene Vellinga, Pat Wilcoxon, Mark Granfors, Allan Lindrup, Anne Holcomb, Joe Marlin, Brenda and John Murphy, Jean and Will White.

1. The meeting was convened at 8:10 P.M. by P. Wilcoxon, who, instead of the usual Faith Reflection, asked that attendees share their reflections/reactions to the recently held national election. These reactions ranged from disappointment in the turnout; to, predictable changes in national leadership; to, hope generated by the Illinois election results; and to, motivation to continue the fight for social justice.
2. Regarding IOC, Pat reports that Protestants for the Common Good, which has played a major role in the day to day operation of the interfaith group, will assume less of an active role in future activities of IOC. For financial and other reasons PCG will have a reduced function, but will continue its co-sponsorship of IOC along with the Archdiocese of Chicago, Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, and the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago.
3. **Shared Housing** - Highlights of a progress report from Melody Geraci, Home Sharing Coordinator and LCBH, were:
 - A demographic chart showing participant data.
 - An increase in the total matches to 9 from 1.
 - Home seekers outnumber home owners among rostered participants.
 - Most homeowners are interested in extra income, not service.
 - Classified ads have been effective in getting the word out.
 - Home Sharing is fully funded.

- 4. Transitional Housing** - Anne reports that the defaulting client family has been given notice and is expected to vacate the apartment within 30 days. Also,
- Working with Teresa House, THP will identify a new client family and the interviewing process will follow.
 - THP finances are currently in good standing.
 - The site coordinator for the project has resigned.
 - A model grant proposal form is being developed and will be used in future solicitations of grants.
 - A proposal to showcase affordable housing issues/events here in Hyde Park and to commemorate the work of Dr. M. L. King during a multifaith weekend, will be considered at the quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee (Hyde Park Interfaith Council) next week. Each faith community will be encouraged to develop activities that focus on housing issues and will coincide with the celebration of Dr King's birthday in January.

5. Other Business

- a. The Coalition to Protect Public Housing is sponsoring and International Human Rights Day, at Cabrini Green (Bldgs # 364 and 365), December 10th, 11:00 A.M.
- b. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M., and the next meeting is scheduled for December 13th, 8:00 P.M., at STA.

Submitted, by,

W. White, Recorder