**Florida Faith and Community Advisory Council – Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, December 12th, 2023, 9:00am-12:00pm EDT

**Location:**

Sanibel Community Church

1740 Periwinkle Way

Sanibel, FL

Note:  The following is a summary of the highlights of the proceedings and is not intended to be construed as a transcript.

**ATTENDANCE SUMMARY**

***Florida Faith and Community Advisory Council Members in attendance:***

* Erik Dellenback-Chair
* Calvin Martin-Vice Chair
* Scott George
* James Drake
* Jeff Ford
* Michael Sheedy
* Chad Garmon
* Chad Poppell
* Kelli Stargel
* Adam Voran
* Mami Kisner
* Gerard Duncan
* Denise Harle
* Pam Olsen
* Reno Zunz

***Florida Faith and Community Advisory Council Members unable to attend:***

* Erin Grall
* Stephan Tchividjian
* Anthony Verdugo
* Yosef Weinstock
* Mel Ponder
* Dr. Jerry Haag
* Jason Cullum
* Lori Bontell
* Mario Bramnick

**PROCEEDINGS**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Agenda Item** | **Summary** |
| **Call to Order and Welcome** | Chair Dellenback called the meeting to order (9:00am). |
| **Chairman Report Update** | * Chair Dellenback:   + Report on End-of-Year statistics for the Governor’s Faith and Community Initiative.   + Introduction of AJ Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton recently joined the Governor’s Faith and Community Initiative Office staff.   + Reveal of the new Florida Faith and Community Advisory Council Logo. |
| **Vice Chairman Report Update** | * Vice Chair Martin:   + Report on local meetings with Council Members around the state.   + Encouragement to meet with other Council Members when traveling. * Anti-Human Trafficking Month and Mentoring Month will be coming up in January. |
| **Roll Call** | * Roll called by staff—quorum present with 14 members in attendance. |
| **Council Presentation: Faith and Community Perspectives on Hurricane Ian Recover and Resilience** | * Pastor Kevin Schafer: Youth Pastor at Sanibel Community Church.   + Presentation on the effects of Hurricane Ian and the resilience of the local community. Under Pastor Kevin’s leadership, Sanibel Community Church acted as a hub for recovery after Hurricane Ian. * Jamie Senkeleski: Director, Trailways Camps.   + Presentation on Trailways Camp, a retreat that serves adults with special needs. Discussion on the difficulties and recovery of their nonprofit in the wake of Hurricane Ian. Trailways Camp continued to persevere and overcome obstacles in order to serve adults with special needs. * Jerry Miller: Founder, Trailways Camps.   + Personal testimony on experience leading the camp and its success. Mention of the lack of resources and services for adults with special needs.   [Chair Dellenback announces a 5-minute recess]   * Mayor Richard Johnson, Mayor of the City of Sanibel.   + Presentation on personal and professional experiences of the effects and recovery from Hurricane Ian. Mayor Johnson and his family have been a central fixture on Sanibel Island. His discussion included the destruction of his family's business, the aid and immediate help that followed the hurricane, and the important role that faith and community groups played in serving the people of Sanibel. |
| **Public Comment** | * Maria Spinoza: FISH of Sanibel and Captiva. |
| **Closing** | * Chair Dellenback   + Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Chad Poppell.   + Second by Councilmember Senator Kelli Stargel.   + Meeting adjourned. (12:00pm) |

**- END -**