
Introductions: Those presented introduced themselves. The group did a brief recap of last year’s breakfast and touted its success. Tom Mellott was thanked for his leadership role this year and Heather Sayler was asked to be secretary.

The group discussed who would be in supporting roles again this year, including the City of Bowling Green, Bowling Green State University, and Not In Our Town. All agreed their respective organizations are “all in” for this event, including BGSU students. The group will make sure to have continued student leadership involved. There was also a discussion about school involvement and it was suggested Marcy St. John may want to help involve the schools (she worked with the schools last year) and can frame how that may look next year (another art contest, music, creative writing, etc.). Heather will contact Marcy about this.

The theme of the 2016 breakfast was discussed at length. It was suggested that peace is good foundation to keep as a framework and then different topics could be used to weave peace together each year, such as “peace through hospitality”, “peace through wisdom”, and “peace through stewardship”, for examples. Peace is a common theme of agreement among all faiths and the group thought consistency of this message was important. However, taking this to the next level as to how to “practice peace” and education others about the various religions is necessary to overcome misperceptions. The group also stated the same song could be used at the end each year as the closing song - “Let There Be Peace on Earth”.

Several dates for the breakfast were discussed, while staying with a Friday and the same time, 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Careful consideration was given to the BGSU and the Bowling Green City Schools calendars, along with when Earth Day falls. In the end, Friday, March 18, 2016 was the best date for all.
A location for the breakfast was discussed. While the group thought the Simpson Building was a wonderful setting, the concern is that attendance will increase next year and the venue cannot support a larger group. Additionally, there was not enough parking last year. Ideas included city-owned facilities (which would be free), such as the Community Center or the Veteran’s Building, or BGSU facilities (there would be a cost, but most likely discounted, however, there were concerns expressed with bringing in outside food and community attendance). Another idea was looking at private facilities, such as a hotel (unfortunately there are no large venue spaces at the local hotels), the Clazel Theatre, or Stone Ridge Golf Club, where there are already a number of events. Transportation (for students) and making sure the idea of exclusivity was discussed. The group consensus was that Stone Ridge is the first choice and the Community Center is the second choice. Eric Hachtel volunteered to contact Stone Ridge for availability.

The meeting agenda listed all topics to be covered as part of the breakfast and the group added other items, along with providing clarification about some of the main topics:

**City Relations**

**University Relations**

Program – Will it be the same type of program or should the group consider a keynote speaker every other year? The group indicated preference of allowing each faith to speak again, similar to last year, but making sure there are some fresh faces.

**Breakfast**

Logistics – rsvp’s, paper programs, sign-in sheets, signs, donation forms, surveys, transportation, pens, name tags, table decorations, speakers, technology (?), podium, room set-up, NIOT information (banner, buttons), baskets for donations, easels (if there is art work), donations, thank you’s, etc.

**Invitations**

**Press Coverage**

**Chronicle**

**Reception**

Added to the list by the group:

**Art** – school involvement (Marcy? Heather will reach out)

**Sponsorships**
Music – Reina (small interfaith choir?)

Volunteers

Photographer/Social Media (NIOT) – Linda Lander? (Heather will reach out)

The next meeting is Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church.