

Minutes Social Justice Council September 18, 2021

- ❖ Attendees
 - Linda S., Natasha C-K., Davonne I., Susan A., Marlene C., Barbara F., Iris, Eloise H, and Eliseo S.
- ❖ Members introduced themselves to Davonne and vice-versa.
- ❖ Aug. 2021 minutes approved.
- ❖ Treasury's Report by Marlene
 - Total decrease of \$1171
 - Expenses:
 - \$1000 for Haiti via Better World Emergency
 - \$1500 for FAST
 - \$910 for Clothes for Children
 - Check request for July and August expenditures
 - Report approved
- ❖ Linda attended Side with Love Event
 - Focuses on GLBT, Gender, Reproductive Rights, and Environment
 - Encouraged to be added to Side with Love email list
 - Linda will get this recommendation added to E-Octagram
 - UUA is organizing a Social Justice program
 - Opened Action Center, which has squads to teach advocacy skills
- ❖ Too early to plan for a potential holiday event of collecting toys for children due to Covid.
 - Check with person who organized Mitten Tree last year.

- ❖ Reverend Roberta wants to do a service for Guest at Your Table, facilitated by UUSC.
 - Will count as January's outreach event, and occur on MLK Day
 - Marlene and Barbara will be contacts.
- ❖ Reproductive Rights
 - Oct. 2 nationwide march or actions
 - Tarpon Springs sign waving in front of Representative Sprawl's office at 10AM
 - Carpool included in E-Octagram
 - March in St. Pete at 4PM in Benoyed Park.
- ❖ During Wednesday's board meeting, Eloise will bring up having email sent to members and pledging members about urgent action issues.
- ❖ October meeting will be moved to Oct. 30, as voted by the members, due to Linda's absence on the original date of Oct. 16.
- ❖ Committee Reports
 - No Migrant Justice Report
 - Racial Justice
 - Presentation and question-and-answer portion organized by Bruce Pollack-Johnson to kick-off 8th Principle on Oct. 3 from 1PM-3PM.
 - Oct. 31: 8th Principle Task Force will lead service.
 - Refugee Task Force
 - Barbara sent a letter to Board of Trustees about adopting Afghani family, and it was approved unanimously.
 - Refugees are being placed elsewhere in the country and within Florida. Many also have existing support systems.

- Barbara has not been able to contact Sylvia from Jewish Family Services, and Eliseo offered to help due to direct connection.
- Affordable housing persistent issue for refugees.
- Compassion Choice (Ann Burnam absent)
 - Oct. 7-Brianstorming meeting
 - Oct. 14-Regular meeting to discuss leadership options
- FAST
 - Upcoming House meeting to discuss potential issues to focus on, with Lore and Doug as leaders.
 - DART is focusing on environmental justice.
- LULAC and Puerto Rico Connects
 - Organized several vaccination events that aim to increase the vaccination rates and decrease misinformation in the Hispanic community. Two such events will occur on Oct. 2 and 3.
 - Eliseo was one of the speakers for March for Voting Rights.
 - A red tide awareness event was organized at the end of August.
 - Two container ships of medical supplies were deployed to Haiti following donation drive.
 - Conducted a presentation about masks at recent school board meeting, and pro-mask supporters were in majority.
 - \$450 provided to LULAC
 - Fist Hispanic town hall had St. Pete candidates present themselves.