

**UUC Social Justice Council Meeting
March 20, 2021, Zoom Meeting
MINUTES**

The Mission of the UUC Social Justice Council is to facilitate communication and cooperation between the Council members, Social Justice Committees, UUC Board of Trustees, UUC congregation, and the wider community.

Meeting Chair – Linda Stoller, Secretary – Marcia Bailey

Present: Susan Allen, Marcia Bailey, Marlene Calderone, Barb Foley, Harriet Ha-Sidi, Eliseo Santana, Linda Stoller, and Eloise Hardman, Board Liaison.

Linda opened the meeting with a reading, and we had a brief check-in.

Marlene moved approval of the minutes of February 20, 2021, and Barb seconded that. Motion passed.

Marlene gave the treasurer's report which included some updated figures and a correction to the printed report. The Haven #2302 is really Clearwater Free Clinic that received \$522. Susan moved approval of the report and Marcia seconded that. Motion passed.

New and Continuing Issues:

Linda will give the Social Justice Report tomorrow. She will remind members of the Nehemiah Event tomorrow and will discuss Covid Outreach donations.

Someone from the Coalition of Immokalee Workers will give about a ten minute presentation at a Sunday morning service early in April to tie in with the fact that their organization is the featured recipient of donations for that month.

Discussion about the McGivern Fund donation will be tabled for next month.

We discussed support for non-profits that SJ Council members are involved with. It was decided that an article about the work of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers would be appropriate for the E-Octagram and information about the murder of one of the workers could be a presentation for Open Issues. Marlene will tell Lisa for Open Issues that we will have the group to which the monthly donation is going speak at one of the Sunday services instead of at Open Issues. Harriet will send an article for the E-Octagram to Marlene.

We also discussed being involved with LULAC and decided to make LULAC the organization for the May Covid Outreach donation and move Neighborly to the June donation slot.

Nick, a paid organizer, from Faith in Florida is working on developing pop-up sites. He was involved with training for Covid at Mt. Zion Methodist Church.

Committee Reports:

Migrant Justice – Susan and Barb will help Harriet shop for the rice and beans to deliver in May.

Racial Justice is trying to broaden its scope a bit. In April the group will discuss adopting the 8th Principle and whether or not that should be presented to our congregation for their consideration as a principle to adopt.

FAST – the Nehemiah Event is Monday night.

Refugee Task Force – they discussed having a small shower for a member who is expecting a baby and considered donating small personal care items for new immigrants, but they're still waiting to hear the details. Tampa has not taken off as a site for new immigrants to settle.

Compassion & Choices – Marcia is continuing to use videos to generate attendance and discussion for meetings.

Puerto Rico – Eliseo is pleased that the LULAC Youth group has gotten started with 13 people from 13-19 years old. Puerto Rican Legislation day is Wednesday. At 4 pm panelists are going to discuss policing in schools. The community wants teaching to include their culture. On March 29th Charlie Crist is going to talk at a Townhall at 5:30 pm. LULAC is linking with Mothers for Gun Safety to talk about Community Safe Gun Ownership.

Fair Trade – no report

Meeting Adjourned:

Next meeting is Sat., April 17, 2021

Marcia Bailey, Secretary