

**UUC Social Justice Council Meeting  
May 15, 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: Marcia Bailey, Marlene Calderone, Barb Foley, Susan Allen, Linda Stoller, and Eloise Hardman, Board liaison.

Linda opened the meeting with a brief check-in.

Eloise moved approval of the minutes of April 17, 2021, and Marlene seconded that. Motion passed.

Marlene gave the treasurer's report. Marcia moved approval of the report and Susan seconded that. Motion passed.

Marcia moved and Susan seconded raising our donation to CIW to \$500.

**New and Continuing Issues:**

We decided to just give the SJ report at the Annual Meeting.

There are no plans for evening or open issues from our members.

Susan moved and Bard seconded a donation of \$300 to EPIC in May since June is Pride Month. It can be used however the organization thinks is appropriate. The organization for June is Neighborly Care.

Susan Allen and Harriet attended the Cluster Meeting. They spoke to the group a bit about the attacks against Asians. There was some discussion about LGBTQ issues, and some of the members are working together on addressing these concerns. Susan brought up the idea of adopting the 8<sup>th</sup> Principle. No one in the area is working on this. Tampa had considered it and may work on it in the future.

**Committee Reports:**

Migrant Justice – no report. Harriet has been hospitalized. Barb will call her.

Racial Justice is discussing how to proceed toward having UUC adopt the 8<sup>th</sup> Principle for the whole congregation. Information suggests that it will help bring young people and diverse people into our congregation.

FAST – the Joshua Assembly had a good program. There was a report from the head of the PreK program. She reported that due to FAST's work a few years ago over 13,000 young children have gotten free PreK in Pinellas County. FAST is working with other DART organizations to promote environmental issues through Care for creation. In the Fall house meetings network members will be asked how climate change has affected them personally. An example is that this year the Florida Legislature took half of the money in the Sandowsky Fund away from affordable housing and used it to address problems from the ocean waters rising. FAST had a very successful year and many of our UUC congregation have been involved.

Refugee Task Force – President Biden has changed the number of refugees to be admitted to the country to 62,500 for the next 6 months and then to 125,000 for next year. Refugee organizations need to gear up again and get people to help with those coming into this area. Pan will write a monthly column for the E-Octagram about refugee issues.

Compassion & Choices – the meetings start with videos to generate attendance and discussion. Marcia is hoping to speak to LULAC about planning for end-of-life care and informing their families of their wishes after more people are again attending in-person meetings.

LULAC – Eliseo was at a press conference at Allendale Methodist Church.

Linda had a reading for our closing.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

Next meeting is Sat., June 19, 2021

Marcia Bailey, Secretary