

The Social Justice Committee Meeting began at 9:36. Present: Linda Stoller, Trudy Diamond, Bob Hedlund, Laura Davonne, Maryann Hamilton, Chris Mueller, Carol Hamilton, Rev. Amy Kindred, Eloise Hardman, Christina Bellamy, carol vaughn (Scribe)

Opening words: Linda remembers Harriet by doing a Reading for/About Farm Workers
Everyone did a check in.

Adding Monthly social justice and Adding TB Interfaith Coalition to Agenda per Linda

Acceptance of minutes: moved by Eloise H. All Accepted.

Abortion ballot-Pass. Sue Hand was not present to give update

Social Justice procedure for Rental acceptance per existing rental policy. Carol Hamilton has been working on this quite a bit.

Carol reported its an extension of the existing rental policy. Right now Anne Gilbert/ Administrator is fielding the work-inquiries, contracts etc. works with The UUC Treasurer/Joe Pace. Then it's presented to Linda Stoller/SJC Chair. UUC Rep Will ask for donations at the meeting if a donation has not already been made? Minutes will reflect policy.

Anyone on SJC can be approached about rentals. Please refer them to Anne G/Administrator. Questions: Eloise. Where is drop box for love donations? Near piano. Eloise says everyone brings donations over to the office and drops them-yoga, book club, etc. Linda sugg. we take the box away. Ann said she checks it.

Linda says ask the group how they want to handle it-they collect and give to us or we can collect.

PFLAG had their first 2 mtgs. Thursday was a play group, Other group was Adults. Thrilled with being partners with us.

Arts Unite Us- Trude. Sept. 30, 2023. Trude will send us all/SJC a flyer. Spread the word.

Book Banning/Little Library/Public schools education. Linda-Maybe SJC committee should be involved with/offer our support for the Little Library placement event? Rev. Amy says Meagan will do a walk around with ppl this Sunday, pick a place and bounce it back to property and then back to life long learning. Then back to the Board? Next LLC mtg. is Sept. 18, 2023 at 7PM. SJC members (Linda S. and carol v) are going to the meeting support it. (i assume the Board has already approved placing it on Campus?)

Does LLC want SJC to provide a SJC speaker? Linda etc. will attend mtg. and ask them what they want.

Interfaith Tampa Bay-Maryann Hamilton- Oct. 22-28 is Interfaith Week. Oct. 22 at Midtown Unity Church-panel discussion. Fred Johnson moderating. Sufi dance 4-6, potluck 6-7 on Saturday, Oct. 28th . expecting 50-75 ppl. Using Surti Hall kitchen. \$25/hr, 3 Hr. minimum so \$75 minimum. Are there InterFaith Volunteers? Christina Bellamy will be speaking on Wed. oct.25th on communication, etc. location. TBA.

Maryann will get with Ann G/UUC Administrator on details. Question-non-use of single-use eating ware. Rev. Amy-Susan Strauss is retiring at end of September so we may need volunteers for clean up beginning October 1.

Formal Vote: Eloise made motion, Barbara F. 2nd, passed. Motion: ?

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Per Linda-We've been approached by 'Indivisible' /Safety Harbor (we did postcard writing)
We need to get all the groups together to see what has worked well in the past so we can move forward/people to the polls, etc. UUC has been asked to be one of the hosting groups for a meeting. Linda will contact UU the Vote.
Motion Asking SJC to endorse this org /Indivisible Safety Harbor.' People-powered elections'
Barbare F. made motion, Eloise 2nded.
First mtg. is Oct. 21, 11-2 in Social Hall. Catered Lunch carole v, Davonne, Christina, Trudy, Carol Hamilton. Linda thinks this is a one-time gathering/brain-storming. Mike Hughes is Linda's contact

Open Issues-Rev. Amy. Lore and Bill want to step aside. possible self-run? Asked Joe and Ann Myers- anyone could read text/form and develop 6-8 questions. Possible 4th Sunday could be SJ issues. Once a month. Linda gave suggestions of what SJC could do once a month. Use TED talks? Possible. Environmental issues discussion. The IT thing is intimidating.
Looks like SJC is willing to take it on. September-Linda will do 1st one

Treasurer's report-Trude. Community OR.- Sept. recipient is PC Public Schools HEAT Program (unhoused) Oct. suggestion: Pinellas County Education Foundation, Sugg. Nov.-Fla voter rights restoration coalition?, Dec.-poss. something rec. by Indivisible? Sugg-Chris is working on one-needs more info abt them, Question-does PC Ed. Foundation use it for something specific? Trude-it is for school supplies for children who need it
Loved what Patti did with RE kids and Clothes-to-Kids/real Community OR. Can Trude deliver the socks, etc. with the check? 301 pr. of socks collected. The bags have kids' names with their messages on them. Maybe pictures can be taken when delivered? Trude will put it in E-Octagram. What about October? Domestic Violence Month and Indigenous Peoples Month. It was decided that the Haven would be the recipient for October.Nov-Guest at your Table Kids can pass out boxes. Rev. Amy will do 'sermon' highlighting this on Nov. 5th. Linda will order boxes. UUService Committee
Indigenous Peoples maybe February. Need Some research.

Treasurer report-Bob-issued checks for Ukrainians. \$800-ish, NAMI \$860, Equality Florida \$800-ish, Clothes to Kids \$950. Eloise says sometimes we get checks into next month.
Suggests holding off payment so we only have to write 1 check. Bob would like to streamline the process with Eloise, Dale, Bob, Joe.

Committee reports-

Racial Justice- Trude already reported.
Barb Foley-Refugee report-Nothing to report. Will be back in town in October.
FAST-Linda. has set dates for 'house' meetings
Farm Workers-Linda-Maria and Harriet worked together to distribute donations. We still have \$210 for blankets. Marlene has been in touch with Maria. Maria fell and broke her arm. Sidelined for now. Suggested just give them the money and trust Maria to decide the best use of the \$. Farmworkers usually begin coming back the beg. of October. Already gave rice and beans \$ to Maria for food and coolers. Motion to send remaining (beans and rice) allotted money to Maria to use as best they feel best and highest use.
EJC-Eloise-sabbatical. Adding things to the SJC table-petition etc. doing e-octagram with links.
Next mtg. is sept. 20th. at 7PM-moving to the 3rd Wednesday. Eloise announced 'Pesto making in the Garden'- Oct, 7, 10-1PM (tentative time) pesto-making, 'Plant Swap and Trunk Swap', powerpoint in Social Justice Committee Meeting 26 August 2023

social hall, etc. This past August 4th Friday there were 30+ refugees Friday morning in the garden. 50+ were at the 4th Friday event. Next 4th Friday is Sept. 22nd.

Next SJC mtg. Saturday, Sept.16th at 9:30-12PM-so as not to interfere with UUC Garage Sale.
UUC garage sale-Saturday 8:30-1PM
Sept. 21-International Day of Peace
Closing words and chalice extinguishing

Meeting ended at 11:47AM
Minutes respectfully submitted

carole vaughn, this month's scribe
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