

**UUC Social Justice Council Meeting
January 18, 2020, Chorale Room
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 – Susan Allen, Secretary – Marcia Bailey

Present: Susan Allen, Marcia Bailey, Marlene Calderone, and Eileen Senn.

Susan opened the meeting with a reading.

Eileen moved approval of the minutes and Marlene seconded that. Motion passed.

Marlene gave the treasurer's report. Marcia moved approval and Susan seconded the motion which passed.

Share the Plate donations were discussed. Because of the problem in Puerto Rico, we will donate to the Maria Fund on January 26th. February 9th will be Planned Parenthood, February 23rd, the Martin Luther King Center, March 8th Australia (Marlene will research an appropriate group), March 22nd Anytown, April 12th One Tree Planted, and April 26th Compassion & Choices. The Martin Luther King Center came as a result of putting a form on the SJ table which we decided to do last month.

Ongoing Work: Eileen will give the SJ Report tomorrow since Susan is presenting the message.

Marlene will cover the SJ table tomorrow.

A paper was circulated listing the February activities sponsored by the SJ Council. Eileen will send it to Barb Foley.

30 days of love will not be addressed as there is no one to take responsibility for it.

Marlene plans to show *The Report* about the campaign against torture at Guantanamo at the January 23rd Evening Issues. February will be the program on the prisons. The Bellamys will be asked to publicize the program.

Beloved Conversations may add a ninth meeting on Sunday March 15th from 12:30 – 2:30 pm.

Will and Marcia Bailey may present a class about enneagrams on March 22nd and 29th from 12:30 – 2: 30 pm.

Committee Reports:

FAST: no report

BLM: The One City Chorus concert is tonight. Beloved Conversations had the retreat and are now holding weekly meetings. The MLK breakfast will be at 9 am on January 20th, and the march will be two miles. The Community Redevelopment Area is working on developing the poorest section of Clearwater. Eileen had petitions to sign.

Environmental Justice: the chairmanship is being shared by Barbara Shimer and Suzie Brown. There will be a ceremony for Earth Day on April 19th. There will be information about composting and a tree will be planted in honor of our former security guard, Ed.

End of Life Choices: Marcia shared that Compassion & Choices has decided to send letters to medical facilities about their practices. Dan Diaz, the husband of Brittany Maynard, will be speaking in the Surti Center on February 18th from 1 – 2:30 pm.

Intersections: The group is meeting.

Puerto Rico Connect: Eliseo is at LULAC.

Fair Trade: The money discrepancy was resolved by hard work from Barbara Brandt.

Refugee Task Force: They are meeting.

Migrant Farm Workers: No new events scheduled at this time.

Hispanic Outreach Center: There are fewer kids attending the preschool group right now, but the number often picks up later in the year.

The Youth group is meeting at a community center because it is so large, so Susan has less contact with their staff these days. Decisions need to be made no later than Feb. about the \$100 Youth Scholarships that we have been giving to youth connected with this Center. The money will run out eventually. Should we let another group take a turn, e.g., a group such as the Upper Pinellas NAACP that reaches out to African American youth.

Meeting Adjourned:

Next meeting is Sat., Feb. 15 at 9:30; Eileen will Chair.; Be prepared to present your budget requests.

Marcia Bailey, Secretary