

SJC Meeting/Zoom - September 27

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[@15:21](#) - Linda(she,her)

Okay. Well, thank you, everybody. Let's move into the acceptance of the minutes. Anybody have any questions about the minutes or anything that we need?

I see nothing. Okay. And we'll just move on to the treasurer's report and community outreach. Bob, do you want to do community outreach first and then, or how, I don't know how you want to.

[@15:49](#) - bob hedlund

Do you want outreach first for last month, course? And Trude Hill is the executive.

[@16:00](#) - Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)

numbers um but we didn't collect a lot of money for the outreach recipient which is uh kind of sad and we also wanted to report on the refugee committee and the better world fund as you know from my email um which Trude also has the numbers for ah okay Trude can we have yeah um so the august recipient closed to kids that check has been requested for 397.58 um of course the september recipient will be is common cause and that'll be counted probably next week early october um then i have the annual and accruing funds which are the refugee fund in a better world Refugee fund has \$3,263.58. The better world fund has \$3,426.48.

[@17:14](#) - Linda(she,her)

Sorry, could you say that, Trude, the number? Better world?

[@17:18](#) - Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)

Yeah. \$3,426.48.

[@17:26](#) - Linda(she,her)

Okay. Do you happen to have the number for the Pat McGivern fund? Did you?

[@17:34](#) - Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)

I had asked you for that.

[@17:37](#) - bob hedlund

I don't have have it. It has not changed. But we had voted a year ago or more to commit that to donation to the Pinellas Arts Fund.

[@17:56](#) - Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)

No, I remember. That was committed to a donation to If we get it, and it's not sure if it happens, we're not sure yet, the latest Pinellas Remembers lynching victim in Clearwater Memorial to their scholarship fund for music, scholarship donation winner, whatever, for music.

[@18:23](#) - bob hedlund

And the balance is around 2200, I don't have the exact number in front of me.

[@18:30](#) - Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)

Yeah, I know it was around 2000.

[@18:32](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Okay.

[@18:33](#) - **Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)**

Can I ask a quick question? Yeah. About the Better World Fund?

[@18:38](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Yeah, I was going to go into the background and go into that. Okay, go ahead.

[@18:42](#) - **Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)**

All right.

[@18:43](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

So let's start with the Better World Fund. The Better World Fund was started many years ago when Abby actually was the minister.

It started with a donation from the family of Ruth Anderson.

[@18:59](#) - **bob hedlund**

the Cerberus Ruth Okay.

[@19:00](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

All They had given a \$10,000 donation to the social justice council, and we had decided to build this Better World Fund.

The purpose of the Better World Fund was threefold. One was that every year we would give \$1,000 to a local group that was helping the homeless because Ruth Anderson was very interested in the issues around homelessness.

And at that time, we had also committed \$1,000 a year to the minister's discretionary or benevolent fund, but we don't do that anymore because the minister had gotten a large donation that funds that fund.

So we don't do that anymore. And then the third way we were using it was for emergencies around. So over the years, in terms of the hurricane, last year we gave a lot of money to the UUA Hurricane Emergency Fund to help support UU ministries around the nation that were hit with hurricanes, and we also gave money to Feeding Tampa Bay for the work that they were doing for hurricane relief in our communities.

So that varies, and we've used it over the years a lot of different ways, but it's all been around emergencies that have happened in our world that need immediate, you know, help.

Sometimes it was done in conjunction with asking for the congregation, but sometimes it wasn't.

Sometimes it was just in lieu of going back to the congregation for money that we would use this fund.

trying to band. was like you. So, since it started, every year, the Anderson family has given a donation from the trust of Gene Anderson, and they usually, what is given is, from Robert Anderson, her son, \$2,000 a year, it usually comes around November or December.

Last year, I looked it up and it came in December, we always, I had, I had spoken with Robert Anderson, sent him a thank you note to the Anderson family and so forth, and let them know how it was used during the year.

In addition, some years, we've gotten additional money from other members of the Anderson family, grandkids and whatnot, which is always welcome and, and we're happy to get it. So that's, so that's, so story, story. Um, with the, um, Better World Fund, we have been giving \$1,000 a year from the Better World Fund to HECC, um, as the agency that helps the homeless in our community.

Um, and that usually happens in June, and I forgot, I didn't write the check for that. So, um, that's something that we probably, if we want to continue doing that, that's something that needs to be done.

Does that answer your question, Trudy?

[@22:31](#) - **Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)**

Yeah, that was it. I was wondering how long HEPP had been the recipient. Well, so.

[@22:35](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Yeah. It wasn't, we didn't always have HEPP as the recipient. We used to have, um, Safe Harbor, the, the homeless shelter that the sheriff's department, you know, next to the sheriff's department. But then we started getting some really negative feedback about that the services there had really gone downhill. And we had decided back at that time that we didn't want to be supportive of that. back at that time And then we, of course, we made our connections with Hep and so on, so that's why we give it to Hep now.

So the other thing that I thought about, and that when Bob, when you raised this, is that, you know, if anyone hears about an emergency or wants or thinks there's something that we should do, be giving money to from the emergency fund, we need to, you know, it's open to anyone to do that and to make the suggestion.

And in fact, sometimes it's done even in years past in between our meetings because it's an emergency. And I'll, and I'll just tell people that this has been suggested and we vote, you know, online for it.

So. So, yeah, so that's big, you know, so it really is open for people to use.

[@24:16](#) - **bob hedlund**

Yes, and I would like to suggest that something similar might be a good idea for the Refugee Emergency or the Refugee Fund.

[@24:28](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Um, the Refugee Fund is a different situation because the Refugee Fund, um, was given to, it was a donation, um, of Barb, Barb Foley's friend gave the Refugee Committee, um, I'm gonna say \$5,000, but I'm not positive of what it was given.

Um, and it was to the Refugee Committee, um, um, Bob Foley's Refugee Committee under our- In our group, and so I have been asking Barb, you know, they spent some money, but that refugee committee is, Barb has been spending that money to help some of the families that they had connected with, the refugee families, along in a long time ago, but they still need support.

So she's been, she still has contact with those families, but that committee has not been, they, you know, were doing the ESL, they're not doing that anymore.

And so the committee has not really been operating. So I really, I, I really think that we have to wait until Barb, you know, Barb and Bill are away.

And I think we have to wait until Barb and Bill come back. So we can discuss it with Barb and see what, how she wants to expend those funds.

Cause it really is not, it's sort of different. But that's why that line was put in there. That's not a continuing fund that people should be contributing to.

[@26:09](#) - **bob hedlund**

When people send in contributions marked refugee, I put it there.

[@26:18](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Well, I understand that makes sense, but I don't know why, you know, I mean, I guess if people want to continue giving to it, you know, that's their business.

But it's not, you know, it's not an ongoing thing that we promote. Correct.

[@26:37](#) - **bob hedlund**

But yet, I just want to be clear that it needs to be more active, because people are expecting money to come in and out.

[@26:53](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Okay, well, I think we have to have this discussion with Barb. Well, sure, I'm not arguing with that at all.

Yeah.

[@27:00](#) - **Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)**

Yeah.

[@28:00](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

It's emergency.

[@28:02](#) - **bob hedlund**

Right. And that was actually the, you were the second person I was suggesting to go to.

[@28:10](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

And so I, I, but I think if we, you know, how we want to expend that money is going to be part of the discussion we have with Barb, because we also have, Cibby has made some excellent connections with the refugee, with the Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services Refugee Program, and they might have some ideas or some things that come up.

So let's, let's keep that discussion in our minds, and we'll have it when they come up. But in the meantime, if there are other emergencies, that there's also the Emerge Better World Emergency Fund that might fit under some of those emergencies that you're talking about, Christina.

[@28:53](#) - **cbbellamy4@gmail.com**

Also, as, as we all know, the chainsaw politics cut a lot of the staffing. in the nonprofits and some of the other agencies and groups that help the refugee community.

So they're frantically trying to plug those gaps with grants and every other creative fundraising you can think of. So I will remember what we're talking about.

And if it seems relevant, I will pass it along. Yeah. Sometimes it's better, better responded by, for instance, Temple Terrace area resources because it'll happen over there.

But the Largo refugee community is now right under our nose.

[@29:46](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Right. So, and again, the Better World Fund is open to anyone to suggest us use for any emergency that comes before them.

So if something comes before you, um, Don't hesitate to request that. And maybe what needs to happen, just because it doesn't have to come from this committee, it can come from, you know, other people in our congregation that might know of something that we don't know of.

It just seems like, you know, it seems like over the years, things like tsunami would happen and everybody would give money to the tsunami and we'd write a check for the tsunami.

Or, you know, it's been natural kind of things, but it doesn't seem like that happens, except that it does happen with the hurricanes and that's how we responded.

But, you know, when we give, we give about \$1,000 or so, the amount of money disappears quickly.

But I do need a motion to make out the check to HEP for \$1,000, which I neglected to do.

So, um, don't Yeah, Trudy? Can make that motion?

[@31:02](#) - **Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)**

I know that we write the check to HEPP.

[@31:04](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Okay, any all in favor? Okay, I'll make a note of myself. And thanks, Bob, for reminding, bringing this up, because I forgot.

[@31:22](#) - **Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)**

While Linda's making a note, one more thing about HEPP. HEPP sent us a thank you note for the \$523.33 that we sent them in July.

So I'm wondering, now that I know they are always, you know, recently always been the recipient of the Better World Fund thousand, whether we should include them in, you know, as a monthly recipient during the course of the year.

[@31:53](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Yeah, I think that check was from the backpack.

[@31:57](#) - **Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)**

Uh, it, \$500 and something?

[@32:00](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Bye. Yeah.

[@32:02](#) - **Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)**

think there was a of money.

[@32:03](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

the backpacks? Yes. I think that's what Ann reported.

[@32:08](#) - **carol v**

Okay. Isn't that great?

[@32:11](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Yeah.

[@32:11](#) - **Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)**

Yeah. That's excellent.

[@32:13](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

We did great with the backpacks.

[@32:15](#) - **Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)**

People really were generous. Wow.

[@32:17](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Yeah. So, and you know, the thing with Hap is that people are generous when it's going to happen because we've, you know, we've gone on a couple of trips there.

People, people that they've just been nominated as the best shelter and, you know, I mean, they really do some good work there.

[@32:35](#) - **Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)**

And I think people feel good giving money to them.

[@32:38](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Yeah.

[@32:39](#) - **cbbellamy4@gmail.com**

One quick feel good little tidbit that I got so excited about. Did you know that the junior league in Tampa who used to sit around on pearls and stuff, but now they're doing great work.

They formed a diaper bank many years ago and they distribute enormous quality said man, sheLY didn't Diapers to people who need them.

I just thought that was such a beautiful program and it's ongoing. It's not just for emergencies, it's available.

[@33:12](#) - **Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)**

That's wonderful.

[@33:15](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Okay, is there anything else, Bob, that we need to suggest to discuss under that to move forward? I will send an email to the world that I know, like you and Dale and Tim and everyone, to expect the check from the Anderson family and that it goes to the Better World Fund.

[@33:41](#) - **cbbellamy4@gmail.com**

So if you can keep your eyes open, Bob, as well, that would be helpful.

[@33:46](#) - **bob hedlund**

Well, you know, Dale or Eloise will be the people to get it, who actually receive it and touch it.

[@33:56](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Okay, I'll add Eloise to that group. So that they know what that's for, and that they let you know and let me know when it comes in, because I always send a thank you note.

Now, okay, excellent. Trude, in terms of who's our next recipient next month?

[@34:22](#) - **Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)**

Um, in September, it was Common Cause, um, and, and, and, and, and, I don't know who is next month.

Let me get back to you on that. Okay. Yeah, I thought we were just doing.

[@34:38](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

I know, but I like to, for my, um, my, my social justice report, I always like to. Ah, okay, I will, I will dig it up.

[@34:48](#) - **Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)**

I will dig it up.

[@34:50](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Okay, and you just let me know. All right, think we can move.

[@34:54](#) - **bob hedlund**

Be very careful, Linda, because when you tell them next month, sometimes they just start writing it on.

[@35:01](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Oh, but the good news is, when I do my social justice report, it is the month.

[@35:11](#) - **Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)**

Yeah, it's the beginning.

[@35:13](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

I won't do it. I do it the first month, the first Sunday of each month.

[@35:17](#) - **bob hedlund**

Okay, so, well, it was, it was confused a month or two ago, because we had two charities of the month on free.

[@35:31](#) - **Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)**

At the same week. Yeah, well, that's over, so, you know. And I reminded people in my last social justice speech that they're supposed to give only during the month that it's, that it's over.

Okay, I've got the answer.

[@35:46](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Oh, yes.

[@35:47](#) - **Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)**

Yeah, it's ACLU of Florida.

[@35:50](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Oh, good one.

[@35:51](#) - **Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)**

Yeah, much needed.

[@35:53](#) - **cbbellamy4@gmail.com**

Yeah.

[@35:54](#) - **Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)**

And, and also, and, you know, that's, so that's for October, and of

[@36:01](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Of course, November is going to be guests at your table.

[@36:03](#) - **Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)**

Yeah, we'll have to talk about that. up for that. The other thing I wanted to mention, relative to what Bob just said, is I'm going to ask that the Octogram have a little reminder about donating to a social justice recipient nonprofit after, if you do that after their official month, to make the donation directly.

To the organization on their website or at their mail, a check to their physical address.

[@36:36](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

And for people that are wondering why we're having this discussion, it's because for the, from the bookkeeping and the, you know, check writing side, if they, they write a check, they, you know, after the month is over and they, they wait a few days and then they count the money and they write the check.

If other money comes in for that afterwards, it's, it's very difficult because then you have. You know, Dale writing checks for little schmissions of money that dribble in, and it just becomes a bookkeeping nightmare for them.

So we're really trying to get people to pay attention and help out our finance committee and our bookkeeper, too, so they're not having to pick up all these little dribbles of checks.

[@37:26](#) - **Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)**

I mean, it's really sweet that people have a certain cause or charity that they're really committed to, and they want UUC to get the credit for the donation, but it really puts a lot of stress on our hourly paid bookkeeper, on Dale, particularly.

[@37:46](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Thanks, Trudy.

[@37:47](#) - **Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)**

Send it yourself, get the credit yourself, it's okay.

[@37:50](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

All right, let's move on to our committee reports, then. First one is racial justice.

[@37:58](#) - **Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)**

Okay. Well, not a whole lot of that going around nowadays. Anyway, members of the racial justice team and friends attended the Woodson African American Museum's exhibit, Beacons, Griots, and the Journey to Freedom.

We participated in the September 20th reimagining of Black History Matters street mural as a living, color-coded mural on the street that, you know, they couldn't move us all away.

So that was a really nice photo op. Some of us attended at Studio 620 in St. Pete, a production of Subversion, which was, you know, kind of a burlesque, amusing, very weird thing.

And we supported Creative Penelis' funding for diverse artists in Tampa Bay by attending two exhibits, Sacred Pilgrimage, which has images from Gaudi and Galban, and... And...

Reclamando, Our Untold Stories, which is presented by Mi Gente Mi Pueblo, and curated by UUC artist Trent Ketsi Ruiz, who has exhibited with us.

And those two things are still there at Creative Pinellas, whose funding was almost entirely polled by our Darling County Commission.

So, if you want to go, those are two great exhibits. They're at least through the middle, if not end of October, to go, enjoy, and, you know, put a little something-something in the donations box.

[@39:42](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Thank you. And a matter of fact, right after this meeting, I'm taking my little sister to that. Really? Yes.

So... Great.

[@39:52](#) - **carol v**

Yes. ...I just wanted to mention... ...What did Sibi—didn't you have—didn't our very own Sibi have a display in that?

Mhm. Mm-hmm. ... And that show at Creative Pinellas, and it was wonderful.

[@40:05](#) - **Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)**

Thank you, Cibby. It's beautiful.

[@40:07](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

We saw it. Well, I'm going to see it this afternoon.

[@40:10](#) - **Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)**

So thank you, Cibby.

[@40:14](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

All right. The next one is FAST. Lori and I have finished our house meetings, and between the two of us, we have about 20 people that are in the UUC FAST network.

Our first big event, the annual assembly, is on October 27th at 7 p.m. at the Holy Family Catholic Church.

And so we're excited about starting our FAST year and choosing a new issue this year. So that's our FAST.

Nami, Christina? Diana.

[@40:57](#) - **cbbellamy4@gmail.com**

Wow. Well, I did with the Holy Family staff, and I arrived at the little cottage down on the beach, and it was 31 degrees, and they had no heat.

Oh, my God. We were there the whole day. It was a very interesting retreat. Shall we say I had to pivot?

A lot. I wrote something. I'm operating on about two cylinders, so I wrote something about NAMI this month. NAMI Pinellas announces a fall family-to-family class, eight free sessions on Zoom, collaborating with Orlando NAMI.

NAMI. This class goes from October 20 to November 12, 6 to 8.30 p.m. UUC hosted an in-person version of this class last year, and several UUC members attended out of the 15 in the class. It was a highly informative, interactive, educational opportunity about everything mental health you would ever want to know, including local resources. If you want to learn more, check the NAMI Pinellas website for further information. UUC also continues to offer a free patio room and zoom monthly every second Wednesday noon to 1 30 PM. The family to family support group is in our second, our third year, and it continues to be a valuable family resource for those who need it. Thank you.

[@42:54](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Thank you, Christina. Well done. Interfaith Tampa Bay. Maryann, do you have a report?

[@43:00](#) - **Maryann/Fla**

have a report? Yes, we had a very interesting meeting this month with one of the imams who spoke on the Muslim faith and community.

He's one of the leaders. Interfaith Tampa Bay week is coming this month, well, in October 19th through the 26th.

The theme for that is remembering our humanity and restoring our understanding of our collective oneness. This is an event that has three separate events through the week.

The first one is on Sunday, and that is going to be at the Temple of Living God. Fred Johnson is the facilitator of it.

It's going to be quite dynamic. facilitator About various faiths and spiritual practices, October 23rd is a panel discussion that's going to be at our church and in the sanctuary and I'm delighted I've arranged with Jeremy to zoom it and I would like to also say that one of our very own people is going to be on the panel.

Cibby is going to be on the panel. The panel is going to set it up so that people represent from the community, from politics, and we needed a fourth person.

And so I said, you know, I know the perfect person to talk about the environment. And so I'm delighted that Cibby's going to be on that panel.

It should be a really interesting one. The last event of the week is on Sunday. Saturday, the 25th, and that is going to be at the St.

Pete Islamic Center, and again, it goes back to remembering our humanity is the focus, so it's been a journey for it all to come together, but it finally came together, and I think it's going to be a dynamic week that we're, you know, able to be a part of it.

[@45:26](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Thank you for being our point person on that group, Maryann. That sounds like a great week, and I hope that I'm sure that you'll be getting the word out to our congregation about those events and so forth.

[@45:38](#) - **Maryann/Fla**

Yeah, I've already copied this to Carol for her list of things going on.

[@45:48](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Oh, Carol Hamilton.

[@45:48](#) - **Maryann/Fla**

Yeah, and I also, I'll also make sure that Ann gets it too.

[@45:58](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

All right, sounds wonderful. I'm Cibby. Garden update?

[@46:23](#) - **William**

Here.

[@46:28](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Cibby, your phone is muted. Is that making you not that we can't hear you?

[@46:35](#) - **cibby's iPhone**

Probably.

[@46:37](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Okay.

[@46:37](#) - **bob hedlund**

There we go.

[@46:39](#) - **cibby's iPhone**

Okay. But I have the echo now.

[@46:41](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

So give me one second. Okay.

[@46:45](#) - **cibby's iPhone**

Is that better?

[@46:47](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Can you hear me?

[@46:48](#) - **cibby's iPhone**

Yes. Okay. I can't hear myself, but you can hear me, which is the important thing. Okay. Thank you for giving me the time to do this report.

So he's going to be a little bit. Okay. Okay. Fast and confusing, perhaps. So last week, a couple of weeks ago, probably the 20th, we had a two-complementary, oh, this is, by the way, the report for the UUC Food Forests and Gardens Committee.

Two weeks ago, or one week ago, I forgot, sorry. We had a couple of complimentary events. One was for the community extreme heat training.

And the other one was for, which was related, but you didn't look on the flyer, seed bombs. What happens when you're working in your garden and nothing takes because it's too hot.

So we came up with this concept of seed bombs that are resistant. The seeds resist the heat and they thrive.

So instead of having nothing in your garden, you will have something. Plan B, that's what I call it. It was well attended.

We had about 60 people. So we were very happy that a lot of people came, especially from the Facebook promotion.

that we did, people who came from other cities, just to do this training. So it was very encouraging. Of course, this was also part of the Alianza activities.

So we had a lot of Puerto Rican people. So half of the meeting was in Spanish, which was really funny.

And so... But it was it was kind of good. So people were delighted and we were able to give them gear for them to prepare if they are working outdoors.

October 18 is our next volunteer day. I know it conflicts with the King's protests, but these we did about three months ago.

We picked the date because, as you know, I've been working on a partnership with Eckhart College. And so they finally said yes.

And so right now we only have the volunteer part of it. But we are forming an internship program in which the farm students that they have can come and do an internship in our forest.

So we are very excited about that. On the 18th, we're going to have about 20 students who will come and work in the forest, we're trying to make that a monthly event with them, they are very excited about building things in the garden, because they have three master carpenters, they also have people who, they have a compost club, so they want to bring the compost club to do our compost, not to do it, but to keep it up and so that we, our compost pile and station thrives.

So we are very happy about that. So we're working on little projects here and there. What we're going to be doing on the 18th is our banana trees are having babies, so to speak.

So those little writing songs are going to be cut off and put everywhere else. There's about 30. We of them that need to be replanted, so we're very happy about that, that what we're doing is working and our plants are grateful in reproducing, so that's very good.

We are also going to do a harvest for a plant that is called Ojasanta. I don't know if you know this plant.

It's something that is a medicinal plant, and we're trying to contact. I don't know if it will be possible because of the day and because of the situation, but we would like the Mexican community to come and take some of these harvesting.

They are the ones who use it the most. Central Americans also use it. And so, we'll see if we can get anybody to come and be the recipient for this, because this is a very...

... If you buy it in the market, it's very expensive, and so having the opportunity to have it for free, you know, that would be great, but we'll see if we get the community to come.

That day, we'll also be preparing a very special gardening class. We are trying to teach the kids how to build a fairy garden, and the reason why we're doing not vegetables, well, we aren't going to plant vegetables in the fairy garden, but the reason why we are kind of going away from the regular type of classes is to entice kids to have a fairy garden, and for them to like it, and then come back for other kinds of classes.

So, I- So I have a friend who is an expert in fairy gardens. She's going to donate her time.

She's sold fairy gardens all over Pinellas County. It's part of her art. So she's going to be teaching the class.

We're trying to collect right now materials for the fairy gardens so that we can use recyclable things for the houses, for everything that we're going to put in there.

I may ask for a call for donations. If people have fairy figurines, you know, those are very expensive. And so it would be nice to not to have to spend a lot of money on that.

So that is what we are working on for that. As I mentioned, we secured um, Partnership with Acre College, and we are also secure partnership with USF and the Mellon Foundation, but this is only for the teaching garden, but yesterday was the first time, the first video that we released with the students, they are going to be doing stories about what's growing in the garden, and so the USF Mellon Foundation, they are very excited about our kids because I'm really promoting them, you

know, we are very small, noticeable to nonprofits that we don't have a lot of funfair overall with the USF community, but I am trying to make a noise with them so that they can look at us and send more stories.

Students are waiting for other things, not just for the garden, but for other activities that we may have. Okay, our next meeting is October the 1st, and this last item I'm very excited about.

I am in talks with Mi Gente Mi Pueblo, the nonprofit organization. They have workshops throughout the year for artists to develop their artistic persona and for them to develop their art.

And I'm in talks with them to see if they can bring one of their workshops to our forest and garden and teach the kids that the artists that they have, that the workshop will be about teaching the kids that come to the class.

That's how to connect with nature, with forests, with the gardens, and how to be inspired to be creative. So we are very, they are maybe a sponsor for this, they sell seeds, and so we're trying to figure out how to incorporate the sponsor, the seeds, the nature, the art, and see how we can all work together.

And have the kids have a good time. So that is my report.

[@56:39](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Wow. That's all I can say, Cibby. You're a busy person. Awesome. Thank you for that. Thank you. Thank you.

All right. Let's move on to new and continuing things. The first is the Democracy Advocacy Team, or DAT. That event is October 4th.

You all got cards. We of the registration form. I sent everyone a registration form. Please register for that. And also, please share that widely.

We're running short of time. We have a week to get the word out to everyone. And it's our first event that's being put forth by the Democracy Advocacy team.

I'm Lori. see you're on the call.

[@57:35](#) - **Lorē Eargle**

Do you want to say anything more about that? Please register. I just checked the registration and I noticed that there are three people there.

I don't know. So perhaps they're from outside our community. I don't know. Do you know? Let's see.

Now, of course, I can't get back to it, but someone named.

Nelson, or there's a couple named Nelson, and the last name is Nelson?

[@58:11](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Yeah. Do you know what their first name are?

[@58:14](#) - **Lorē Eargle**

I can find the form now. Let's see.

[@58:19](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

I'll check the form.

[@58:21](#) - **Lorē Eargle**

Okay. Yeah. And then a third person. So not sure if they're new to the congregation or they found out Are it some other way?

[@58:33](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Have we published it on the Facebook Yes. The registration is now available on the UUC web Facebook page. It's available on Instagram.

I published it on the UU Social Justice Fast Response Facebook page. I saw Janine published it on the Indivisible Facebook page.

So it's getting out there in Facebook. And I know of I that Christina also has shared it with the Quakers, I shared it with Reverend Ben and Pastor Patty, so yeah, you will start seeing more registrations, I think, as it just all got together this weekend, but I've seen it on Facebook a couple of times, different places, so if you get it, if you see it, share it, and like it, and share it, and that's the way the word gets out.

[@59:39](#) - **Lorē Eargle**

Yeah, I was thinking, it's working already.

[@59:42](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Yeah, and it will work if people share it, so.

[@59:47](#) - **Lorē Eargle**

Like it and share it is what I read, do both.

[@59:52](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Yeah, and share it with other groups that might be interested in coming to that. Yes. Yeah. That's that's pretty exciting.

While we're talking about anything else about the DAT thing, 1 to 3 on October 4th at UUC.

[@1:00:19](#) - **Lorē Eargle**

Is it 1 to 3 or 1 to 4?

[@1:00:22](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

1 to 3.

[@1:00:23](#) - **Lorē Eargle**

1 to 3. Okay.

[@1:00:28](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Okay. Moving on from that as Margie, you want to report on the social justice web page?

[@1:00:35](#) - **Margie Manning (she/her)**

Yes. So following up from last month's meeting, Linda Stoller and I have collaborated on a proposed revamp of the UUC website to consolidate all the various different pieces where social justice is mentioned on the website.

We have sent our plan into Ann Gilbert, who is reviewing it. Ann Gilbert, of course, is our office manager and website administrator.

writer. And she's reviewing and she has not yet gotten back to me on it, but this is what we've proposed.

We've proposed putting a new tab at the top of the website, so where the tabs are currently the things that say like home, calendar, about us, Sundays, find your place.

We've proposed putting in there a new tab for social justice. This tab would have 10 different individual pages under it.

They would be available on kind of a drop-down menu, so when you click on social justice, you'll see a menu comes up of drop-down options.

And each of these options would have, for the most part, would have an individual social justice initiative under them.

There would be at the top, there would be one kind of general welcome to social justice. It's a message from Linda about UU values and social justice with links to all the individual activities that social justice does, as well as

The video that I made about Side with Love, and a link to the social justice calendar, then under that we would have individual pages for Beacon Food Forest and Gardens, Democracy Advocates Team, Environmental Justice, FAST, Racial Justice, Refugee and Immigrant Team, Welcoming LGBTQ, and then one for partner organizations.

These would be things like Hispanic Outreach Center, Interfaith Tampa Bay, NAMI, PFLAG, United Faith's Walk of Peace. These are activities that our social justice is obviously very involved with, but they're not initiated by us, so we're putting them on a partner page.

We're going to have a Learn More page, which would include the minutes from the Social Justice Council, as well as the Social Justice History.

Those are in different places on the website now. They've moved to this. This new site. One thing we are going to do is we're going to leave under the find your place at UUC tab.

There's currently a web page for the garden and we're going to leave that there. So the garden essentially is going to have two pages.

That's because it's so active right now and it is drawing lots of people to our campus. And there's a page also under find your place for social justice teams.

We're going to link that back to the new social justice tab. On the front page, we're going to change the picture.

There's a little box that says social justice and it's a very old picture from an old fast activity, probably 10 years ago.

We're going to update the picture, put a link to the new social justice tab. And that's kind of the highlights of what we're going to do there.

I know that was a lot of information to go over, but if I was unclear on anything, you have other questions, please let me know.

[@1:04:04](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

I see people happy about it. I don't see anyone. Are there any questions for Margie? Okay. Thank you, Margie, for working on that.

[@1:04:17](#) - **Margie Manning (she/her)**

Hopefully by our next meeting, it'll be in place. I'm kind of just dependent on Ann Elbert because she is the person who administers the websites.

[@1:04:26](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Right. Sounds wonderful. Thank you. The next one is Transforming Hearts, Trans Inclusion. That training has gone out to everyone.

[@1:04:39](#) - **Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)**

Did everyone receive it?

[@1:04:41](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

I see people nodding if you've seen it.

[@1:04:47](#) - **Margie Manning (she/her)**

It's wonderful. I really, really recommend people watch it.

[@1:04:51](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

They're great videos. I'm going to have Lauren send out a reminder this week for people to remember that they got those videos.

What happened? having our first discussion on October 5th, Sunday, after the after service, and that will be discussion of videos one and two, and everyone's welcome to see it, but please, even if you can't come to the discussion, look at the videos, they're really great, and isn't it great to see Alex again?

So please, you know, take the time, and if you don't, if you didn't see it, you got it, it's in your email. An email went out in the beginning of September with the instructions on how to access the videos. If you don't have that anymore, you have any questions, please contact me and I'll send it out to you again.

But I think you'll be getting another email from Lauren with it again to remind people. Now that we're closer to the discussion, but they are, you know, each one's about 50 minutes long.

So I wanted to give people time to view it. Any questions about that? Okay. And moving on from that, the next thing on our agenda is the Black Lives Matter sign.

[@1:06:25](#) - **William**

And Bill, you're on. Thank you for your patience. No worries. When I was charged to make the frame, my instructions were to design and build something that we could reuse, that whatever we put up would be protected by a clear plastic front.

And that would, we knew it would be vandalized to a point. And the last time it had gotten vandalized, I tried a bunch of chemicals.

We got it down to the isopropyl alcohol, which was able to clean off the paint without destroying the plastic.

That's the goal, is to try to remove something from plastic that you don't fog it or dissolve it, which there are plenty of chemicals that would do it.

I narrowed it down to the isopropyl 99% alcohol. What was a surprise to me was two Sundays ago, I was sitting in the social hall and Reverend Amy came to me and said, oh, did you see that the sign had been vandalized again?

And I said, yes. And she said, and now we tried everything to clean off that paint and we couldn't find anything to clean it off.

And I said, and I said, well, the alcohol worked. And she said, well, how did you know? And I said, I was there, you know, I was the one who was doing it.

I was the one testing it. And she said, we tried. It was me that tried it all. So unfortunately, right now, you have five layers of paint on the plastic.

When it wasn't cleaned off the third time, it was painted over. So that painted over and then again and then again, I don't know if you can salvage that clear plastic now.

But my question for you guys were, was mainly, what did you do with the picture of the person that did it last time?

Did you send it to the police or did you do anything with that?

[@1:08:46](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

To my knowledge, nothing was done with that picture. Okay. We were all sort of surprised that he was an African-American.

[@1:08:54](#) - **William**

Yeah.

[@1:08:54](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Yes. And we felt that that would be inappropriate to send that to the police without talking with him to find out what was going on.

Right.

[@1:09:02](#) - **William**

Yeah. One of the things that obviously since Aliceo spent a fair amount of time to climb up that pole to put the camera on, and then it's obstructed by the branches.

So that's kind of defeats the purpose of having a camera there. My reason why I wanted to talk to you today was there is another way of discovering who this person is.

On social media, on TikTok, on many platforms, they have people that will investigate who it is. You know, they'll put up what we have, we send them and say, do you know who this is?

And then they find out who it is and see if they can get an explanation from what instead of going to the police and, and doing it that way.

My two part question is, right now, I don't think you can cleaning that plastic, there's so much paint on it, and you're going to have to replace the clear plastic again.

You wanted to replace the sign and I designed it so the one side could come off and you can slide a new sign in there and then slide the plastic in and out also.

And it is secure onto the wall with concrete screws. So a couple of questions here. One, we have to be able to clear the view of the camera permanently.

I mean you can't keep trimming back a branch that keeps growing in front of the camera. That needs to be cut off, that branch from the tree.

So it can't grow back and cover the camera. So that's one thing so we can find out who's doing it, because it might be somebody new now.

And we don't know who it is that's doing it. So the first step one is to get your intent on what we want to do with it.

Just face the fact that it's going to be vandalized and even though Reverend Amy didn't I don't know how she didn't know that the alcohol cleaned off the sign, but in the future, you know, obviously, that's what you're going to have to do is just clean it off each time.

I wasn't there for you to do that, Linda, when you had that day, but you did a good job of cleaning the whole sign pretty clean.

It was pretty amazing.

[@1:11:25](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

How long did it take? Well, the day was me.

[@1:11:28](#) - **William**

Oh, it was just you?

[@1:11:29](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

It was just me, yeah.

[@1:11:31](#) - **William**

Oh, I'm sorry.

[@1:11:32](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

And it took me about two hours.

[@1:11:36](#) - **William**

Yeah, but it came up pretty clean.

[@1:11:38](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

mean, it does take, it's a lot, but you know, because you, you know, you do did a little bit that it's not easy to do.

No. And there was not a committed group of people, you know, that was going to do that. That's why I decided at that point to take it to the board and say, hey, this is not just social justice's sign.

This is the church's sign. What? What do you want to do about it? And at that point, Reverend Amy said that she will take care of it by doing what she did, which was using a stencil and get the word matter in white and just spray it.

The other thing that Reverend Amy did this time is she put a note on the sign to the person saying, hey, person who keeps disfiguring the sign, what's your problem with the sign?

Please, she put her phone number on there, please talk to us and see if, see and share what your problem is with the sign.

Maybe we'll agree. And so that little note has been up there since she resprayed it the last time. She has not, to my knowledge, gotten a call about it.

And the first, what Reverend Amy was talking about is she did some, you know, it was sort of you, when you found the alcohol and you've cleaned it and then you.

You said that this was a lot of, you know, this was more than you could, you'd want to take it on as your responsibility, basically, she did some work using Mr.

Clean and other stuff, and then I finished it with using the alcohol, and that's when we got it clean the last time, just for your information, so that, just for that, that's just information.

Right.

[@1:13:28](#) - **William**

So I'm getting, basically, is that your still intent is to change the sign, uh, eventually? Yes. Okay, so then, obviously, you're going to have to change the plastic, because you can't have a big black section missing out of it.

Yes. So that means you're going to have to change the plastic, and then if you're going to change the plastic, then you're going to have to have a clear view with the camera, so we can get an idea, and then make a decision what you want to do with those pictures, that you get, of who that is.

Now, we have, I do have the picture. Of. Or have access to the pictures of the person, but if that's not a current person that's defacing it, then I don't want to even attempt to give it to these investigators that just do it because it's what they do on TikTok is they just find out who it is and where they go, where they work and shame them.

Basically, they just shame them from doing things that they shouldn't be doing because it is illegal. I mean, you're defacing private property.

You're on private property. So there are factors that we have to take in consideration. So my thought is if you're going to leave, obviously, you have to leave it the way it is now.

And I would, of course, assist you when you want to change the site, too, because it's going to take a little bit of knowledge on how to do that because I had to rig it so it would hold a different size because I've made two trips, you know, one to cut the plastic and and

Linda, told you this, when you ask for a four by eight piece of anything, anywhere, it's not four by eight, it's not 48 by 96, it's 48 and a half by 96 and a half, or 48 and a quarter, you know, it's not 48 by 96.

So in that instance, I had to go to those places and have the sign recut, which they denied that they cut it because it was all jagged, you know, when you said the lady did it without the machine.

But they recut it to the size they needed it, they recut, we want to pick up the plastic, you said it's done and I said it's now 48, 96 exactly, right?

No. So they had to recut it again for me to get it. So I did wait for that to be done and I did mount it and put it on.

But the advantage of having the clear plastic and the advantage of the fact that we can clean it if they just use it, it's not a, it's not

A water-based paint when they put it on, it's just a strong paint, but it did take it off. So my question is, if in the future when you do change the sign and you're now you're going to have to change the plastic, do you want to go with the thought of following through with someone who might investigate it or do you want to go to the board to do that, to think about that?

Does that make sense to you, my question?

[@1:16:33](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

It does make sense, and I'm just, Carol, your hand is up.

[@1:16:42](#) - **carol v**

Yes, yeah, thanks, Linda. I mean, I don't know if this is appropriate or not, and it might not even fit in, but back when I was, um, when I worked for a nonprofit and I needed, um, volunteer hours to show for my grant and things, but we, I got community service people.

To come into my office and do certain things that I needed done, most of it was paperwork and things of that nature, but there are, there is availability, and it just popped into my mind that if maybe you want to have a learning moment and they have community service people come and clean our sign or do things that we need done, whatever in the garden, if we're needing hands or people, that's an option how, you know, there's paperwork you gotta go through, and they do have to be kind of supervised somehow by someone, but just a thought, you know, there's, there's hands out there and there's plenty of people and I thought, what a good learning experience that might be for some people who are, who need to do community service and it might change some hearts and minds.

[@1:17:48](#) - **William**

That's all. Yeah, it's a great resource.

[@1:17:50](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Yeah. Christina?

[@1:17:53](#) - **cbbellamy4@gmail.com**

This may be outdated information, but a number of our kids had to do community service back in the day.

And a couple of the grand. Children, maybe a decade ago, it used to be that there was a prescribed list of places that were vetted for community service hours, and the paperwork got quite complicated because one of the organizations I worked with was interested, I think it was the bridge maybe, interested in getting some community service people.

And it required that you be there when they're working for supervision, you had to write summaries, you had, uh, so we stopped doing that, um, I think it's a great idea, Cibby, uh, maybe even to help in the garden, because a lot of the people who do that, it would benefit them to learn about gardening. um, anyway, I just wanna add that if you might wanna check on what the protocols are now, and the legalities.

[@1:19:01](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Mm-hmm. Well, yeah, and I think that's a great idea and a great service, but I think what Bill is looking for is direction, exactly, because, quite frankly, I took this to the board because I really felt like this was a bigger issue than something that we need to discuss that's in this committee. This, you know, it's an issue of how the church responds to vandalism, and, you know, it just seemed like a bigger issue, and there were other pieces involved, like the whole issue of the branches being cut.

Property has to be involved with that, and that's one of our trees, and so it seemed like it was getting bigger than off committee, And And that's why I brought it to the board, and that's when Reverend Amy came up with a temporary solution, but I'm curious to see what will happen this time with the note that she put up, but I think that Reverend Amy needs to be part of this discussion as well, is my feeling.

Bob?

[@1:20:26](#) - **bob hedlund**

So, taking all of this information in, we now have a campus manager who is charged with maintaining the grounds and the plan.

And both the community service aspect and the list of tasks are, in my mind, very appropriate to put on his list of to-do things.

[@1:21:02](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Yeah, I have no idea what his responsibilities are.

[@1:21:06](#) - **bob hedlund**

take care of the facilities, the grounds and the mechanical aspects. He works 10 hours a week, I believe. I'm not exactly, but he was introduced in the church a month ago.

[@1:21:25](#) - **Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)**

Yeah.

[@1:21:27](#) - **carol v**

As a member of property, can I just address that quickly? Sure. Yes. Thank you. has a limited amount of hours and we're keeping him quite busy with what we already have.

And we could also, we could just use more hours, but there's budgetary constraints. I don't, I know that doesn't help.

That would be lovely pie in the sky. I mean, we need more volunteers to do these things.

[@1:21:52](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

But we're not even sure what it is.

[@1:21:55](#) - **carol v**

Whatever it is. We need more volunteers.

[@1:21:57](#) - **bob hedlund**

But if he is charged with doing more stuff that in- If that what you said and what Christina said about service, he would be the one to manage a list of service volunteers or what have you.
I mean, he's supposed to be a central point. Yeah, I don't know that he would do everything personally.

[@1:22:23](#) - **carol v**

Right. And I don't know if he would be tasked with supervising community service people. That's a bit of an unknown.

So I just wanted to put it out there that there's priorities. There's lots of things that need to be done, you know, just maintaining property on our own.

know, air conditioners, fix this, fix that. There's constantly things and 10 hours is never enough. So I just wanted to kind of insert that perspective from property, you know.

And, you know, there's always, we always need help on grounds, on the grounds. And so even though, yes, there's paperwork and things involved with community service people.

... .. They do need to be supervised. It was just a thought. It's another resource and a learning opportunity for people, community service people and us, me, you know, to learn from each other and to let people know about, you know, what we're about at UUC.

And also maybe they learn more about gardening and composting and things. You know, there's a whole world of possibilities.

That's all I was saying. But I'd be hesitant to quick to jump to put that Eric as our property services guy to give him more tasks, because that's pretty tightly controlled.

And I don't know if that's possible right now.

[@1:23:43](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Okay, thank you, Karen. Thanks for that input.

[@1:23:46](#) - **Margie Manning (she/her)**

Margie? I was just going to say that Eric is supervised by Ann Gilbert. She is his direct supervisor. So any, please do not approach Eric directly about anything.

Please talk to Ann Gilbert. Um. If you have ideas that Eric may work on, but as Carol said, he is already got a full plate and supervision is not one of his responsibilities.

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So I was just going to clarify, please go to Anne.

[@1:24:17](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

I think that this, I think the discussion has sort of gotten away a little bit from what Bill has raised to us.

Because what Bill has raised to us is, I think, a question that I, I think, I really think that the board or Reverend Amy or someone has to, has to discuss because, but what, you know, what Bill was saying, which I think is a really good question.

You know, we talk about cameras, we complain about branches, but what will we do if we got the information?

What, you know, what is, you know, what is, happening? I mean, we can wait and see if it's vandalized again, or if the person calls Reverend Amy based on the note.

But if it's fair, if the sign is vandalized again, I think Bill raises. when-ar a theirawks Good questions about what the heck are we going to do?

But it's a church discussion, and I would be willing to bring it to the executive committee of the board, bring it back based on what you were talking about, Bill, because I think you've raised a good point.

I mean, and the other point that we can, that the church, or we can decide is that we should maybe we to change the sign.

There's something upsetting, you know, because we've got other banners there that say very, we talk about, we have a rainbow banner that says love is love hanging there.

We have another banner, we says UUC welcomes refugees, they're all hot issues, so to speak, in today's day, but that's the only one that gets vandalized.

[@1:25:59](#) - **William**

That's true, but if you are going to. Obviously, you're going to have to replace the plastic now. There's no way you're going to get it.

You're going to have the cost of replacing the plastic. Plus, this sign that we put in there, Linda, was a little stiffer.

It's not fabric, so it would stay in place when we put it. I made it, I designed it so it would put enough pressure on whatever you use as a sign that's relatively stiff that you're not going to get bubbles and waves in it.

It'll be nice and clean. That's the way I built it. So my point and my question is, if you're going to change a sign, you're going to have to pay to now get another piece of plastic because it's been run. So if you're going to do those things, have this information available as what the board's intent is with the camera, with the protection like that,

With seeing who's doing it, it seems ridiculous to me to, to, to keep, it's like, it's like being in a boat that's leaking and you take a bucket of water, you know, a cup and three and throwing water out of the boat, instead of fixing the hole, you know, so there's a lot of factors that, that went into this to get this protected and done, and a lot of time and effort and energy from me.

So, basically, when we're ready to change that sign, and I'm saying we, because I'm going to have to help you do it, I don't want, again, to be painted over and over and over and over again, if they didn't like something, we have to have some result.

So, at least next time when you're ready to do it, there's nothing you can do about it now, but the next time you want to change the plastic and change the sign, have this information available so that we can cut that limb off.

It's not a big deal, it's only a, it's a tiny. Any little branch. It's not going to hurt the tree.

I'm going have my trees cut constantly. It's not an issue of a tree.

[@1:28:10](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Okay. Well, I don't want to get into that now, but I, but I think, um, Cibby, did you have something you wanted to say?

Your hand is up.

[@1:28:21](#) - **cibby's iPhone**

You said my name, right?

[@1:28:23](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Yes.

[@1:28:24](#) - **cibby's iPhone**

Okay. I'm going to lower my volume here. So, um, I don't have an answer for the issue, but I'm going to put my two cents there because, um, these may also be part of the problem.

Um, I come to the garden every day. So I noticed people coming in and out in the afternoons. And I have noticed that there is a young woman who comes in.

It seems like she has mental issues. And, and the discussion of the banner and all of that led me to think.

I think perhaps this young person who is vandalized in the banner also has mental issues. I don't know if there is a place nearby our community where there are people who come to check their, they treat people with mental issues, I don't know.

But it's something that if we are going to address this and we are going to make sure that this person doesn't do it anymore, we also may put on our thinking list that this person may not be, that they may have mental issues, because it's been so long, you know, and after one or two times.

Sometimes, you know, I'm thinking the person would have understood, you know, this is here to stay, but it's been so many times, and to me, it seems like the person is trying to say something that doesn't come up in words.

So the person may not answer the question that Reverend Amy put on the sign. So if we get a clear picture of the person, we may also want to think about that this person may not be in their clear mind.

And so I'm just throwing that in there. I know that I'm not helping the issue, but it's something that if we're going to do something about it, let's think about that, too.

you. Thank So that's all I wanted to say.

[@1:31:04](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Thank you. Thank you, Cibby.

[@1:31:06](#) - **William**

Carol? basically the one question that you had pointed, Cibby, was that if we know who it is, we can't know who it is because we can't see who it is because the branch is blocking the camera.

So in a logical sense to me was get the branch away from the camera, you know, so it does not grow back.

You decide what you want to do with the picture when you get the picture. But the point is that you have to know who's doing it to make that decision.

And they, you know, LSAO did do a major effort in putting that up. It's solar powered and everything. So that's the first step in knowing who's doing it.

What you do with that information is what I'm asking you, is what are you going to do with that information when you want to change a sign?

And you don't have to do anything with it. You can do something with it now once you know who it is.

But when you change a sign, it's a nice idea to be able to figure out if you can stop the person who's doing

What Cibby's saying is just a conversation, or maybe just putting it up if it's somebody else, you know, you know, put it in the social media thing so that could be investigated, or bring it to the police, whatever the board decides, you know, whatever, and I think it is a board decision, I don't necessarily think it's a minister's decision, I think it's a board decision, that what is, what are your protocols, when somebody vandalizes our property, do you do something about it, or you don't do something about it, and, but it, at least you have the opportunity, to know who's doing it by clearing the sign.

I'm going to have a tree guy come in, anyway, to give an estimate on that front tree, it's blocking the sidewalk and getting into the street.

So I'm going to have a tree guy give us an estimate on that. And I know we have our regular guy, but he injured his hand, our tree guy, and he hasn't even come back to finish my work at my house.

So those are the things that I basically wanted to get from you. don't know. I you an idea of what you want to do with it, and do you want me to proceed with the tree guy and get an estimate of how to cut it, or just leave it and just go with the flow?

[@1:33:17](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Carol, is your hand still up?

[@1:33:20](#) - **carol v**

It is, and I'll make this very brief because I know this is probably, we've spent a lot of time on this, but I agree that I think it's a board decision.

And Linda, just to point of clarification, did you go already ask the board once about this? Yes. And did we get an answer back?

[@1:33:38](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

And basically, what was decided at the board meeting was that Reverend Amy volunteered to do what she's doing.

[@1:33:48](#) - **carol v**

Okay, put the note up and everything.

[@1:33:49](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Put the note up, yeah.

[@1:33:51](#) - **carol v**

Yeah, because I guess we'll just go under the assumption that perhaps maybe we'll never find the person, even with the tree branch cut, et cetera, et cetera, that we should do what we think we need to do to keep our cut.

And then just keep proofing, safe proofing our sign, don't know, but it is the board thing.

[@1:34:11](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Thank you. Yeah, I think that we're not going to be able to make a decision from this committee, but I do appreciate No, Sean, before you do the new sign.

Yes. And I do appreciate, Bill, what you're raising. And I am going to, as the chair of the Social Justice Council, I will bring it back to LSAO and the executive board and Reverend Amy to think about and also consider, you know, we'll have to wait and see if it gets defaced again or if the person calls or whatever.

But, but then we have to, you know, we may decide that it's time to take that sign down and put another sign in.

But at that point we, and it may. I may not get vandalized, because like I said, this is the only sign that's being vandalized, but at least have a policy, or I think that you're asking for, Bill, is some kind of secure, and I said this to Reverend Amy, I said this is an issue of security for the whole campus, and I think that's what Cibby's talking about, too, and Carol, is that if we, if, you know, somebody's coming on our property and vandalize, something, then, then maybe there needs to be something to look at, and I know there's, there's been security policies drawn up before, and so I think that this

is sort of a bigger issue, um, but I will, I'm going to bring it all to, um, to the Executive Committee and Reverend Amy, um, before we change the sign again, and before we do anything else with that sign, and it might be our decision as to what's put in there next as a sign, Because it was always the idea that it could rotate in and out, but I think that it's the board's decision to set up a, you know, to look at it from a security angle.

[@1:36:15](#) - **carol v**

Okay.

[@1:36:16](#) - **William**

That's all I'm asking.

[@1:36:17](#) - **carol v**

Yeah. And I just wanted to say I think it's a wonderful idea of what Reverend Amy did as far as putting a note on the sign to reach out to try and communicate and open up dialogue. I'm just not holding my breath. Yeah. And I think the board just is an excellent place to place this.

[@1:36:36](#) - **William**

Well, I mean, there's other things you could do, too, is the picture of the person. You can mount that picture above the sign and say, if this is you, please stop, you know.

[@1:36:46](#) - **carol v**

Well, no, that's kind of antagonistic, but that's another.

[@1:36:49](#) - **Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)**

Not gonna work.

[@1:36:50](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

But I do think that, but I will bring it, and I do think we need to stop the conversation here. Yeah. So that we can move on.

[@1:36:58](#) - **William**

But thank you, Bill, for bringing that up again.

[@1:37:00](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

welcome. Christina, had a last comment.

[@1:37:02](#) - **cbbellamy4@gmail.com**

Ah, you wanted Yes, very briefly. What I really like about what just happened is this issue has a micro and a macro level to it and social justice represents micro and macro levels and so I really appreciate that we're honoring Bill's time and effort and ingenuity but we're also looking at the bigger social justice aspect of it. So while it took a long time, I really appreciate that we waded through all that.

[@1:37:42](#) - **William**

Yeah. Okay.

[@1:37:44](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Well, I'm going to leave you now so I appreciate you listening to me.

[@1:37:47](#) - **Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)**

Thank you, Bill.

[@1:37:48](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Thanks, Bill. much for coming.

[@1:37:50](#) - **William**

I appreciate it. And I think, Linda, you need to clean your camera lens because you're fuzzing.

[@1:37:54](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

I know I'm blurry and I tried to clean it and if you have any ideas.

[@1:37:59](#) - **William**

Just the eyeglass cleaner stuff you use for your eyeglasses. Yeah. on a tissue on a on a on a toilet tissue or a facial tissue and just kind of wet the tissue and then rub the lens.

[@1:38:11](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Okay, I'll try that. Okay.

[@1:38:14](#) - **William**

All right.

[@1:38:14](#) - **Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)**

Bye.

[@1:38:15](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Thank you. Okay. Um, the last one, the last continue, and thank you everybody for that conversation. I think it was, it's important.

And, and I think it was very important for us to, to honor Bill's work with this because he did work hard to do this.

Um, the next thing is open issues for October, November, December, the second Sunday at the last, the last council meeting, uh, Reverend Amy asked social justice to take the Sunday, um, the second Sunday at open issues time.

And, um, Sue hand is doing October. Um, but I wondered if, if anyone is ready to volunteer to do, this is a, you know, like the 930, but it, including.

Yeah, I'm going to be here. Darryl for November and December. Maryann, your hand is up.

[@1:39:11](#) - **Maryann/Fla**

Yes, actually I had just reached out to Ann this past week. I think I had talked with you, Linda, or had brought it up to the council before about the Ukrainian man who lives down the street from the church and I kept driving by and seeing his sign in the yard.

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[@1:41:33](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

But it's, it's a subject that I, I, Yuri is his name, and he just contacted me again, because I had told him we were, you know, had taken a hiatus over the summer. Yeah. Maryann, have you looked at this film? Yeah, I have.

[@1:41:52](#) - **Maryann/Fla**

It's been a while since I've done it, but it's very... recommend that that's something we show at Social, at Open Issues?

Um, yes, I think it would be, it's... You know, it's brief, but I think it kind of brings back to the forefront, the issues of what's going on with them over there.

ACTION ITEM: Send link to "Faith Under Siege" film to SJC group for review before next meeting - [WATCH](#)

What year was it made, Maryann? I'm not sure, I would think very recent.

[@1:42:22](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Yeah, I need to look at it again, and I'll send the link to everybody if you want, and then everybody can look at it and see what you think.

Because I think it would be an interesting discussion for Open Issues to talk about Ukraine from a social justice perspective.

I think it would be very interesting to people, and if this film lends itself to it, and if Yuri is an appropriate presenter for us.

ACTION ITEM: Reconnect w/ Yuri re Ukrainian film "Faith Under Siege". Get updated info, confirm appropriateness for Open Issues presentation - [WATCH](#)

He's involved with Indivisible, so, I mean, he's very active community-wise. was, when I was communicating with earlier this spring, he was getting ready to go to DC to talk to people.

[@1:43:09](#) - **Maryann/Fla**

And so he's, he's very active, you know, on this, but I, as I say, we just kind of reconnected.

So I will reconnect with him and maybe think towards November or December, possibly. Yeah, that's what we're looking at.

Okay. Well, I think at this point, if other people have thoughts about an appropriate open issues for November and December, um, and Maryann, if you would do some, you know, we, you know, we look at this, um, this trailer and think about if it's, if it's appropriate.

[@1:43:42](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

And, you know, I, I think it can be, it's anything that, you know, that, that, that pertains to, uh, you know, social justice from a social justice perspective, um, would be appropriate.

[@1:43:54](#) - **Maryann/Fla**

So I just wanted to throw that out there.

[@1:43:58](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

We have a little bit of time. can talk about it again. And, Maryann, if you come up, if you would send. And that link to all of us, we could look at it, and that could be part of our discussion next month in planning November.

Yeah.

[@1:44:11](#) - **Margie Manning (she/her)**

I've also, when I spoke with him the last time, I've encouraged him to have his wife make some more of these bracelets, because I wear it all the time, and it helps, it helps remind, you know, every time I take it on and off, it reminds me of them.

I'm second-generation Czech, so I feel like an alliance with the Eastern people. And I think the issue of Ukraine and the war is certainly that consistently, and the whole issue of peace and what does that mean, is consistently on the forefront of discussion, so would definitely be appropriate.

So let us know what, so send that information, that's great.

[@1:44:55](#) - **Trude Diamond (trudediamond@gmail.com)**

Good timing, yeah.

[@1:44:58](#) - **Margie Manning (she/her)**

Okay, that takes care of that. And we have the, um... Just a reminder that our next meeting is October 25th.

Anything else for the good of the group? Margie?

[@1:45:12](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

So I'm not sure this is strictly Social Justice Council. may be too political, but I did want to point out that on Monday evening at six o'clock, the Clearwater City Council is going to take up a proposal to rename Court Street to Charlie Kirk Way.

The council member proposing this, Cotton, says that it would honor Charlie Kirk, who was tragically assassinated for his steadfast defense of faith, freedom, and the right to open debate. Renaming this central thoroughfare would serve as a lasting tribute to the principles he championed, and a reminder of our city's commitment to protect and uphold those values for future generations.

And . So, um, I don't think it, I, if, if this strikes you as indifference, I don't live in the city of Clearwater, so I can't really weigh in, but people who do, I think it would be important to speak out about it.

I don't live in Clearwater either, but I was planning to go to that meeting just to support the people that are speaking out, because I know there's a lot of organizations.

[@1:46:24](#) - **bob hedlund**

I've seen it on Facebook a couple of times since it's been raised, and it just, you know, it's that city of Clearwater city council, this is the second issue we've had with them.

[@1:46:38](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

I mean, we had an issue that they didn't have a gay pride day proclamation, like the only city council in Pinellas County that didn't do that.

And then we had another issue that came up where in this small board that was a community development board, one of the members on the board wanted to start each meeting with a prayer to Jesus Christ, our Lord, and so things are happening very close to home that, you know, that we need to attend to, so yeah, I second that, Bob.

[@1:47:25](#) - **Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)**

I think someone should put forward a motion to rename at least one of the streets, probably Bayshore, Elrond Hubbard Memorial Drive.

[@1:47:40](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

I think that would carry. Well, I don't, I certainly wouldn't want to put that amendment up there. Nobody would get a lot of votes.

I'm sure it would. So thank you for raising that, Margie. Anything else anybody wanted to bring forth? If not, I'll adjourn.

We're in the meeting, and everybody have a good Saturday, and don't forget to sign up for the October 4th event, and if you have any questions or anything, contact me or contact Lori, but we definitely need to, or Trudy, or let's see who else is on the committee, Christina.

Yeah. Yeah. We're all on the team. all here. Yeah. We're all on that team. I shared our page for it with the North Pinellas Democratic Women's Club page.

ACTION ITEM: Contact UUC artists re organizing sign-making party for No Kings rally (week of Oct 18). Explore timing options incl. Amy's Sat art event - [WATCH](#)

Okay. Great. Thank you. And did we, do we need a reminder? I think it's October 18th is the No Kings rally.

Yes.

[@1:48:50](#) - **Maryann/Fla**

And part of the October 4th event is a building event for the No Kings rally. Yeah.

[@1:48:56](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

Great.

[@1:48:57](#) - **Maryann/Fla**

And I wanted to do a sign making party at UUC this year as well. Woo! And so I was going to contact some of our artists, Maryann, and see if you can help us with our sign making party.

[@1:49:14](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

I'd like to do it the week of the No Kings, that week of the No Kings March. So maybe we can talk about that and put that in and get a date on that.

Remind me what week that is. That's October 18th is the No Kings rally.

[@1:49:32](#) - **Trude Diamond (trudiamond@gmail.com)**

Okay. So it would be sometime that week.

[@1:49:36](#) - **carol v**

And that Sunday before is October 12th if you want to do it after service or something, if that helps. Oh.

[@1:49:45](#) - **Linda(she,her)**

All right. Well, we can take a look at some options. Maybe it would be fun to do. I just, I don't know. We'll have to see. So you're, you're thinking in terms of signs for that? Yeah. Yeah. Okay. You know, Amy has her thing on.

Saturdays, once a month, arts and things, that might be a way to get a group involved. Cri afternoon. Yes.

Is that still happening? Yeah. We could do that, yeah. Oh. Well, that might be something. That's a thought as well.

All right, guys. Good to see you all. Have a good rest of your son Saturday and see you tomorrow. Whatever day this is. Whatever day this is. That's fine. Some old days. Bye-bye. Bye. Have fun at the museums, Linda.

I will. Bye. And be sure and see Cibby's art. Yes. Great. Thank you. Bye-bye.