

SJC Meeting/Zoom - October 25

VIEW RECORDING - 101 mins (No highlights)

Linda:

ACTION ITEM: Add attendees to prior meeting minutes - WATCH

Anyone have anything to say about the Minutes? The one thing that I saw when I printed them out that I have to remember to do is to write down on the top the people that were present.

We forgot to do that last time so that we have that because I think it's an important piece of the Minutes that we know who we Yeah, and I have...

We've writing down people's names as we pop up on the Zoom, so we'll have it this time. Wonderful. So thank you for doing that, Trude, and thank you, Fathom, for doing that.

Thought that it is. And moving on to the Treasurer's Report and the Community Outreach recipients, Trude and Bob.

@18:27 - bob hedlund

And, Trude, what was the number that we donated?

@18:31 - Trude Diamond

I got it. Common Cause got \$367.20, and I'm not sure if we report this, but there were also a donation to Beacon Food Forest totaling \$103.30.

I don't know if that goes through us or not. Um, I'm, I don't know.

@18:54 - bob hedlund

I don't think so. I don't think it does anymore.

@18:58 - Linda Stoller

I think we have a separate. I think they have a separate account. They're in line. Yay! Okay, so that's our number.

And of course, in November, it's Guest at Your Table, and we just got the materials to hand out for it when I was at church for the Interfaith Week thing.

ACTION ITEM: Open GAT box; stage pamphlets at Welcome table - WATCH

Was it Thursday night? I'm losing track of it. Thursday night. Big box. It's on the table, in the kitchen, in the office, church office.

So we can open that up tomorrow and check out the goodies. Okay, Linda? So that's going to start the first week, the first Sunday of November, right?

Yeah, it's like next week. Next week. So the box does hopefully contain pamphlets that we're going to be handing out as people come to church on that.

Sunday. And so I'm going to need like one or two people to stand by the door and do that.

What's the date of that? Trudy, let me look. So many tabs open, so little time it'll be. Sunday, the second I can't do it because I'm Zoom host, so I'll be on the welcome table, but if we don't get too many guests signing in, I can help with that.

@20:34 - Margie Manning (she/her)

And we could keep a stack on the welcome table, too.

@20:37 - Linda Stoller

Oh, okay. So we can funnel some through that. Okay. So Margie, if you, if you'll do that on the welcome table, is there anybody else that is going to be?

Oh, Sue Hand?

[@20:48](#) - **Sue Hand**

I don't, I don't think the choir is singing that Sunday, so I can help with that.

[@20:54](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Great. And I think that's all we need is just to, you know. If we have that, and I may be there as well, so that would be good.

Can you, Margie since Reverend Amy's not here today, could you mention to the worship associates, whoever's the worship associate that Sunday that, you know, to call attention to the pamphlet and Trude, we're just having people give money as usual, right?

Yeah, not, not on any website, but through our breeze and money in an envelope in the basket.

[@21:39](#) - **Margie Manning (she/her)**

Actually, Sue is worship associate on November 2nd.

[@21:43](#) - **Sue Hand**

I am?

[@21:44](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Oh, that's, that's handy. So you probably will not be able to give out pamphlets. If you can get me a little busy.

Yeah.

[@21:58](#) - **Sue Hand**

Yeah. yeah. Yeah, probably. Although, um, yeah, yeah. Don't put me on.

[@22:08](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Yeah.

[@22:09](#) - **Sue Hand**

Um, so I wasn't kidding before when I said I couldn't find the agenda. I didn't see a second email that came that said, this is the right agenda.

[@22:21](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Um, the, um, the agenda that I sent out first was, is the right agenda. It just got the wrong date on the top. I neglected to change the date.

[@22:31](#) - **Sue Hand**

Okay.

[@22:32](#) - **Linda Stoller**

So it says September 27th, but it's the, it's really, but my second email said that it's the right agenda.

[@22:40](#) - **Sue Hand**

Wrong date. Okay. All right. Thank you.

[@22:45](#) - **Linda Stoller**

So, do you have that one or do you need to want to send it to you soon?

[@22:48](#) - **Sue Hand**

Um, I have that one.

ACTION ITEM: Brief greeters/ushers on GAT distribution; assign door distributors - [WATCH](#)

[@22:50](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Okay. Okay, okay. Is there anybody else that might be a church on the, um, second. Okay, is That can give out pamphlets.

I think we can ask just the greeter folks, you know, the ones who stand at the front door and ushers, not that they ush, but they do greet.

All right. All right. I'll make sure that that happens because, you know, you'll be on Zoom.

[@23:20](#) - **Margie Manning (she/her)**

So, yeah, that consistently tends to be Mark Brandt, Bob Barnett, usually Chuck Scheimer.

[@23:30](#) - **Linda Stoller**

So, okay, I'll give them something to do. That's good.

[@23:35](#) - **bob hedlund**

They like to have something to do.

[@23:37](#) - **carol v**

Yeah. Carl's an usher too, isn't he?

[@23:40](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Sometimes. A great door holder. Well, I'll see whoever's hanging out. There's always a group of them hanging out in the lobby, so I don't think that would be a problem.

[@23:49](#) - **bob hedlund**

LSA has been doing it lately.

[@23:52](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Yeah. A lot of people hang out in the lobby before church. I don't think that's going to be a problem.

[@23:57](#) - **carol v**

Yeah. I'm sorry. What are the brochures for?

[@23:59](#) - **Linda Stoller**

I had to step away. It's brochure. First, the brochures are for the UU Service Committee, the guests at your table, and what we're going to be, so Sue, maybe you and Trudy can get together a little bit about what the instructions are around the giving time, you know, so that people know that, you know, we've done a lot of different things in the past and, but this year, we just decided to just treat it like a regular community recipient, have people give money through breeze or put it in the envelope with the same instructions. It's just that it's going to, you know, the pamphlet talks about the actual guests. And I know last year, Reverend Amy even did her children's message talking about the boxes and her, and her memories of have a young child getting the.

And having the box on the table, she may, Sue, Reverend Amy, maybe, you know, just remind her that that's what we're doing, because she may want to do something too about it.

Yeah. Also, Sue, I don't know that you and I need to separately get together about this, because I will put that instruction in the announcement in the octagon.

Graham. Okay. That, that, that Friday.

[@25:36](#) - **Sue Hand**

Okay.

@25:41 - Linda Stoller

Okay. So we're, we're good with that. And the other thing that I, that the theme for this year is planting a seed for freedom or something like that, planting a seed for justice.

And, um, I had contacted Sibby to see if they, if she wanted to do something related. We laid it in.

The garden around that, but she's like a little overwhelmed with all the things that she's doing right now and really couldn't do one more thing, so I just, but it does have that gardening theme to it, which is, which is sort of nice.

Anything else, Trude? That is cousin it. Okay, I have, I have one more thing I just wanted to, and Trude, I have to apologize, I have not submitted your request for reimbursement for the pizzas.

But I will do that, I just wanted to get permission from the, from the Council to expend some of our budget for, to pay for the pizzas that we had at this, at a very successful sign making event before, before No Kings.

And also to reimburse me for some of the materials that I purchased for the signs. So, can I have a motion to that effect?

@27:00 - cbbellamy4@gmail.com

Yes. Sure.

ACTION ITEM: Submit check requests for pizza + sign materials - [WATCH](#)

@27:02 - Linda Stoller

A second. A second. All in favor? Okay. It looks like everyone's in favor. Great. Thank you very much.

And I will take care of that.

Otherwise, we're all going to sue the church for \$230 million.

@27:19 - Sue Hand

Oh, good. Okay.

@27:21 - Linda Stoller

I don't want to be responsible for that. So I'll submit the check requests probably tomorrow or Monday. So sorry that I didn't get to that sooner.

But I knew we weren't around town anyway.

@27:40 - cbbellamy4@gmail.com

You've been a little busy, Linda.

@27:42 - Linda Stoller

Okay. So let's go on to committee reports. Racial justice. Hey, now I have to find that tab. Uh, in, um, in October.

Uh, uh, uh, uh, Some of us attended, some of us, at least I did, the Hispanic Heritage Month Arts Panel, which was astounding.

Packed house in the Safety Harbor Arts and Music building. One, it's an astoundingly beautiful building. And two, it was packed.

It was standing room only. And it was important because David Jolly was there. And somebody reminded him that really he ought to contact each of those artists whose stories he wasn't there to hear all of, and his team didn't record them, because they told stories about how their performance presentations or their visual arts exhibits had been taken down or rejected after they'd been accepted.

Or, yes, or their oral performance had been, they'd been asked to cut certain parts of it, and of course they all said, yeah, well, never mind, bye, but in the last year, and those stories are important, so I, I said to him, you know, with the microphone in my hand, you know, just for your own self-interest, if you really want to get elected, and you want Hispanic, Latino votes, you need to hear these stories, and tell other

communities these stories, so people, the voters will think that you understand how terrible it is to silence Hispanic voices and visions.

and one of my friends in the audience was just like, Yes, she emailed me later. He really told that white boy.

It's his own best interest. But it really was, nobody videotaped it. And it's a damn shame because you guys would have loved those stories.

I mean, some of them were just heartening and beautiful. And then there are the ones about, well, we got shut up and shut down.

So there's that. And, you know, there were other things going on at the various arts and museum venues, the usual places, the usual suspects.

Okay, thank you. And thank you for sharing that experience. I think that it is unfortunate that that was not videotaped.

Because those. Those moments are magical, and stories are such a strong piece of how we share injustice in our society.

mean, it's very poignant. So speaking of stories, I'll give the F.A.S.T. report. F.A.S.T. is having its first big event, which is our annual assembly, and that's happening on the 27th of February at Holy Family Church in St.

Pete at 7 o'clock. Even if you're not a member of Fathom, although I think almost everybody on this call is, you're welcome to attend.

And we will be voting on our new issue. We haven't had a new issue in a long time. And I was at the rehearsal meetings for this, you know, F.A.S.T.

a very organized group. So we, we hear our big events before... Before we even have them so that they go smoothly, but again, it's, you know, this is based, what they did is that, you know, we had our small meetings where they gathered all the stories of all the people that responded to the questions in the small meetings, all of those topics were compiled into 10 big areas, and we will be voting on which of those 10 areas we will adopt as our, as our focus area in the coming year.

And then the, then the research committees will meet and then, and research that area and see what specific ask we're going to have.

But it was, it's a wonderful process and it's very exciting to see what the next, because nobody knows what we're going to, what's going to be voted on as the, as the next big area.

So. We had a lot of instructions about people coming to the meeting ready to vote. Some congregations vote as a block.

UUC chooses to vote as people, as individuals, so we give everybody a chance to say which area they're interested in, but it's really exciting.

Margie, you have a question?

[@33:27](#) - **Margie Manning (she/her)**

Why just one new focus area this time?

[@33:31](#) - **Linda Stoller**

The reason is really it's a staff issue. Unfortunately, only have April right now as the only staff person, and so she's doing everything.

And we don't have the capacity to take on more than one issue. The other, the other reason is because we have three issues that we're still monitoring that have, that suddenly have been more than, more than monitoring our water quality.

I think for affordable housing and mental health are all in monitoring form because I know it's like for water quality this major thing that the state did is stopping our progress and so I mean there's like and and the city has not done what they said they're going to do in terms of a resolution for affordable housing so it seems like our monitoring group which is very interesting.

It's constructive you know we get these people even when they say yes I mean it didn't happen with water quality because the people in Dunedin it's not their fault it's the state preempted the local municipalities so

we're having that issue but for the city you have to stay on these people they say they're going to do it and then other things happen and then suddenly they're not doing it so that's what the monitoring committees are doing.

So for those two reasons we're only paying Picking one issue, although it was said at least a million times that every issue is important and that people who don't get their issue picked shouldn't feel like that it's not important.

It's all important. We just can't do it all. We just don't have the capacity. But when we get more hires and we get more people from the pews into the streets, we will do more.

But we cannot do what we do. So that's a good question, Margie. Thank you very much for asking that. So that's the Fath Report. Nami, Christina?

@35:43 - cbbellamy4@gmail.com

Okay. The monthly family support group tends to gather a lot of people in crisis, like serious crisis. And so ...

I keep saying this because it's true, it really is a godsend for them to have a place to go to be honest about how horrible it is and sometimes dangerous and sad and every extreme emotion you can think of that somebody in their family is not in this reality or wanting to harm themselves.

It's something very extreme. And so every month we hear how grateful people are that UUC is offering that space.

So I don't just say this as a formality each month. It really is true. It is a godsend for the people who are able to get there.

And yesterday, because Well, because I was a licensed mental health counselor, I'm often asked in ROMWAY, the Refugee and Migrant Women's Initiative, to be a part of some kind of mental health program or program where they want to address mental health in addition to hurricane preparedness or school readiness.

Some of the refugee families are even more frightened than the little white suburban kids about gun violence in the schools because they see it on television and figure maybe they're the target because they're refugees or because they're Muslim or in addition to the fact that schools aren't the safest place always today.

So I'm, I'm always pleased when they asked me to do that and, and doing it. Experiential workshops in four or five different languages and cultures is always interesting, and thank God, I really, really like it. They do have a hard time finding somebody to manage that many plates in the air, but I just feel so grateful that I can be a part of those teams.

And the medical director of Romwe, the founder, is on medical leave, so everybody is doing a little bit of extra.

I think she's going to be okay, but it's pretty serious stuff right now. Also, I asked Nami to present at Florida Action Committee, which meets quarterly in Pinellas County.

We tend to get anywhere from 10 to 35. I have people who have been incarcerated or families of people who have been incarcerated for crimes of a nature and just like going to the penitentiary with the men, I always feel safe in those meetings.

Those are the people who have rehabilitated themselves, who care deeply about the safety of what's happening in America. And, you know, that was then.

This is now. And I'm grateful to be a part of that, too. And, of course, mental illness is often a part of the charge, but it's never addressed.

The behavior is addressed, but not. The mental illness behind it. So I'm grateful to be a part of that group. I'm glad that NAMI is willing to be a speaker. It's a three hour. It's going to be held at Allendale.

We used to be at PERC, which is the re-entry office in Pinellas, and they've relocated to Allendale. So I've got Romwe in the morning and FAC in the afternoon.

@40:19 - Linda Stoller

It's going to be, shall we say, a busy day.

[@40:23](#) - cbbellamy4@gmail.com

Yes.

[@40:24](#) - Linda Stoller

And this is Christina who's feeling low energy.

[@40:28](#) - cbbellamy4@gmail.com

I'm sorry.

[@40:30](#) - Linda Stoller

I said this is the Christina that's feeling so low energy.

[@40:33](#) - cbbellamy4@gmail.com

Well, that's just today. I'm missing a celebration of life this morning. I'm missing Circus McGurkis reunion. I mean, some days I just can't do it.

[@40:44](#) - Linda Stoller

I just can't. You do a lot, my dear.

[@40:48](#) - cbbellamy4@gmail.com

Yeah, I do what I can. Thank you.

[@40:50](#) - Linda Stoller

Yeah. Okay. The next is Interfaith Tampa Bay. Maryann.

[@40:59](#) - Maryann/Fla

You can get up. now. I'll see we're Of course, the big thing is the Interfaith Week that we're in the middle of right now, it began on, well, actually, I also wanted to mention, at our meeting for October, David Anderson came and spoke about Sacred Land, and I really encourage everybody, if you haven't been there, to go and get a tour with him, because he's really, really knowledgeable, and his knowledge is not just about Sacred Lands and the Dokobagas.

He really has a lot of knowledge about the Indians, you know, the culture, all through the state and history.

It was quite interesting. And they are doing some really, they're starting to do more. Of course, they're in need of funding because of the damages from the hurricane, but in the end, they lost some funding that they were expecting to have because of the Doge thing, but anyhow, that was our monthly meeting.

And then the interfaith week began with Fred Johnson at the Temple of the Living God, which was, as always, awesome.

And our event at UUC on Thursday night was not as well attended as I would like to have seen, but I was delighted to see some of the places I've been looking at on the screen right now were also there.

Trude and Bob and the Bellamy's were both there, were all there, and I was very, very impressed. Trude Bellamy's were there, and I just to mention that it was recorded.

I had arranged for Jeremy to do the setup and to zoom it. So it was zoomed and it was recorded.

ACTION ITEM: Email Jeremy re: Interfaith Week recording; arrange access - [WATCH](#)

So I just was very, very impressed with the responses and the dialogue that that was. Yeah, so I would encourage you.

I've got to talk to Jeremy to find out how people can get, you know, get the recording. He said he's going to send it to me, but I want to make some arrangements so that it can be people can access it.

Christina, do you want to comment there?

[@43:49](#) - **cbbellamy4@gmail.com**

Were you raising your hand?

[@43:50](#) - **Maryann/Fla**

No, I was clapping. Okay. The third event for the week is tonight. And actually this evening, I should say, because it's at five, from five to seven at the Islamic Center, St.

Petersburg Islamic Center, which is on 18th Avenue South, and it's from what he, the imam was there Thursday night and just gave a little introduction about it's going to be quite a event a festive event as well, but, um, so that's about it for Interfan.

I don't think I left anything off. For November, we're going to have, um, Thanksgiving dinner. It's going to be provided.

I'm not sure all the details of that, but I do want to thank people that, um, Trudy and Bob and Christine and Ned for, for being there Thursday night.

Thank you very much. It was nice to see support from there.

[@45:05](#) - **cbbellamy4@gmail.com**

Well, we didn't go out of duty and obligation.

[@45:08](#) - **Maryann/Fla**

We went because we wanted to be there. Yes.

[@45:12](#) - **cbbellamy4@gmail.com**

It was a very compelling idea and beautifully carried out. The questions were so carefully chosen and all the different directions all heading in the same direction down different roads.

[@45:32](#) - **Linda Stoller**

It was quite lovely.

[@45:34](#) - **Maryann/Fla**

Yes.

[@45:35](#) - **Linda Stoller**

That's great. And hopefully we'll be hearing from you soon, Maryann, about when we can see the video that was taped.

That's excellent that that was done. Yeah.

[@45:47](#) - **Maryann/Fla**

Yeah. As as the evening started, I text Jeremy. said, Did you by chance record there?

[@45:56](#) - **Trude Diamond**

This is being recorded.

[@45:58](#) - **Maryann/Fla**

Always. And he said he did it. It was.

[@46:01](#) - **Linda Stoller**

He his own choice to do that for him.

[@46:03](#) - **Maryann/Fla**

That's great. Thank you, Jeremy. It's something I would like to see if that can be available even through our website to go out.

The dialogue or the exchange was just sharing their personal perspectives, life experiences, and their vision for how we can collaborate to create a better world.

[@46:33](#) - **Linda Stoller**

That sounds great.

[@46:35](#) - **Maryann/Fla**

Siby was one of our presenters, which she was awesome.

[@46:39](#) - **Linda Stoller**

I'm looking forward to seeing the video. Thank you very much, Maryann. That would be great. And speaking of Siby, she did send me an email saying she could not make it today because she's overwhelmed.

Want me to read her report? But she did send a report. Trudy, would you read her report, please? Yeah, let me go find it.

I know, it's another tap, Trudy, right? It's an existing tab, so here we are. Okay.

[@47:07](#) - **cbbellamy4@gmail.com**

Good for her for taking care of herself today.

[@47:10](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Yes. Okay, so on October 18th, we had a volunteer event, 40 people, 15 of them were Eckerd College students.

Professor Adam Guerin is very excited about our collaboration. The students are so enthusiastic that they're thinking about coming on Sundays when we have no events, but Amal and Malika are in the forest.

I am delighted that this turned out to be a great collaboration. In our last gardening class, we built fairy gardens.

We had a special guest, a gardener who is an expert in succulents and fairy gardens. We had a great time, even though the class was not that big.

The teaching garden and my non-profit, we continued to work with two interns to make videos about ... The garden.

I will be turning some of my responsibilities and the relationship I have with Eckerd College over to LSAO. I have a lot on my plate and I need to take care of my health.

Good. Yeah. Um, I, I've had the opportunity to see some of the videos that those interns are making and they're just delightful for my veggie garden.

Um, they're, they are available on YouTube and, um, um, they're just, they're just delightful. Um, so I certainly, she's, she's doing amazing things, Cindy.

She's just an amazing individual.

[@48:42](#) - **cbbellamy4@gmail.com**

Linda, what would be the, the key word for you to, for, to access that?

[@48:48](#) - **Linda Stoller**

I would, I put my veggie garden in.

[@48:52](#) - **cbbellamy4@gmail.com**

Oh, okay.

[@48:53](#) - **Linda Stoller**

And, you know, a couple of veggie things came up, but that was one of the veggie things that came up.

Okay. Or you can also, I follow. My Veggie Garden on Facebook, and they do have, they're on a lot of different platforms, so if you're, if you are on any of those platforms, you can access it that way.

[@49:12](#) - **cbbellamy4@gmail.com**

Okay, thank you.

[@49:14](#) - **Linda Stoller**

But she's got these interns talking about, I mean, clearly they're studying these different things that are growing in the garden and they're just delightful.

All right, so that takes care of our regular committee reports. And we're on to now the new and continuing.

The first I have is Democracy Advocacy Team Update. And I just want to let people know that the board asked me to give a, an update at the last board meeting, which I did.

Um, so the board is, is, um, continuing their involvement in, in the work that that is doing. Um, we had a very successful training.

I can't believe it feels like that happened a hundred years ago. And I'm talking about. the same. have the And we followed up with an email after that training. We had about 50 people at the training, so it was very successful.

And people were very involved. And we followed up with our sign making. And then, of course, No Kings. On the 18th, we had a very good representation from UUC at No Kings.

Christina, I hope you saw that picture of you and Ned from No Kings. There's a delightful picture of the two of you.

And we had, I don't know exactly the number of people that were there, but I think there were about 25 UUC people at the one in Clearwater.

But now I'm hearing that other people. We went to some of the other ones, too, and so I think we had a very, very good turnout, and Dad is meeting this week to plan our next steps.

We're working on putting together sort of a mission statement so that we can focus on what our role is in the bigger ecosystem of resistance that's in our community, and we'll be talking about that.

Carol?

[@51:32](#) - **carol v**

I just wanted to let you know that somebody said to me that there were about 15 UUs at Largo Central Park, and I saw eight or nine or a half.

[@51:44](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Yeah, they were quite a lot. I heard about those at Largo Central Park, too. So, yeah, we had a good showing.

[@51:55](#) - **cbbellamy4@gmail.com**

Carol? Carol? Carol? And a couple of others who either didn't want to or couldn't stand at the roadside. So that would amplify that by two or three more.

[@52:15](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Good point. Well, it was, it was wonderful. And I know Peggy Taney, the next woman asked for people who went to sort of stand up during the service and a large number of people stood up and everybody applauded.

And there was excitement, it was wonderful. So that, so we are continuing. I don't really know the direction that that group is going to be taking for our next steps, but we will be making those decisions at our next meeting.

So excited about that. I just wanted to give another, a fast update of Transforming Hearts. We had our first discussion, which we discussed the first two videos.

There was a. was after service on the first Sunday of the month, and we'll be doing another one the first Sunday of the month in November.

That will be videos two and three. And we had a large number of people, a good number of people come out.

I don't know how many of them had seen the video beforehand, but there was some good conversation, and I'm looking forward to continuing that group.

I think if you haven't had a chance to see, to view those videos, I would encourage all of you, even if you can't come to the discussion, to look at the videos, because they're very well done, and they certainly address, I mean, it's called, it is, it's, you know, it's in Trans Inclusion in UU congregations, but the idea of welcome that they're discussing in the videos.

Is more broad based than just trans inclusion. It can be, you know, like you really see the intersectionality of all of this stuff through these videos.

[@54:13](#) - **cbbellamy4@gmail.com**

Hand has her hand up, Linda.

[@54:16](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Sue Hand.

[@54:18](#) - **Sue Hand**

I'm really off the beam this morning. I can't find the hand thing. So I'm just using my real hand.

I missed the first session because I was at my daughter's wedding. So I'd really like to go back and see whatever is available at this point.

And how do people who miss the first one get to catch up?

[@54:47](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Well, the discussion isn't videoed or anything. So there's no way to catch up with the vid with that, but you have access to all the videos.

So you can, you can look at you. Um, you can, once you access the, once you go through those steps that are in that email, you can access those videos and, and just look at the first two and then get ready for the discussion.

You will be on three and four.

[@55:17](#) - **Sue Hand**

Okay. So where am I going to see that information in the octagram or, um, from some individual.

[@55:27](#) - **carol v**

Who sent an email out?

[@55:29](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Who sent the email? Oh, the email was sent out by, by, um, UUC. Um, Lauren is sending, it's what, it's a constant, one of those constant comment, broad-based emails to members and friends.

And so one just recently went out the, um, reminder. And again, the instructions are in there, but if you need that email, Lauren has it.

ACTION ITEM: Forward Transforming Hearts video access email to Sue - [WATCH](#)

And, I, I mean, we all got it. So if you, if you can't find yours, Sue, let me know.

Lauren as in Lauren Logan.

[@56:01](#) - **carol v**

Yeah.

[@56:03](#) - **Margie Manning (she/her)**

I have it up right now.

[@56:05](#) - **Linda Stoller**

I'll forward it to you.

[@56:06](#) - **Margie Manning (she/her)**

I can forward it to Sue and whoever else has it. Does it feel good besides Sue? Okay, I'll forward to Sue.

[@56:14](#) - **Sue Hand**

Thanks, Maryann.

[@56:16](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Maryann her hand.

[@56:17](#) - **Margie Manning (she/her)**

Okay.

[@56:19](#) - **Linda Stoller**

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They're, they're really good. Some of the quality is not as good as I had hoped, but, but the content is extremely good and continues to be good.

[@56:53](#) - **carol v**

Linda, just wanted to mention, I think that there probably were about 10 or 11 of us. Weren't there, Margie?

At the first

[@57:03](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Yeah, I didn't know if it was closer to 15 or 16. Yeah, I think there were more than that.

[@57:08](#) - **Sue Hand**

Yeah, we had quite a large circle in there.

[@57:11](#) - **carol v**

Yeah, I was in and out fixing air conditioning, so I wasn't totally tuned in, but I thought that's what I remembered.

[@57:17](#) - **Linda Stoller**

So yeah, it was a real nice discussion. Yeah, it was a good discussion, I thought. And I think that we'll continue to have it.

And it's going to be sort of interesting, because there'll probably be people in the second discussion that weren't in the first, and you know, it's not.

But I wanted to leave that fluid so that people didn't feel like if they didn't come to the first one, they, it's, you it's not like a class that you miss the first one, you can't come to the rest of them.

So we only have, we have one in November, and then one in December, and then, you know, that's, that's the whole program for that.

All right, the next thing on the agenda is criteria for co-sponsoring events in accordance with the rental policies. and my

want to give you a little bit of background on this one. You know, as you know, we have a rental policy as part of our policies at UUC, and as you know, for years now, there's a B, you know, the rental policy is different categories.

If this is, you know, the rent, this, you know, A is one, B is another, and B is the one that is when community groups want to use our facility and their social justice type of groups.

And this is the time when you get the emails, I say, so-and-so has asked for this. Is there a point person who is willing to take this on?

You know, you know, those emails that I send out to you. Because what happens is a group will come to Ann Gilbert.

It seems like an appropriate group for social justice, and she sends it to me, and then I share it with you.

Anne gets all these calls all the time for people that want to use our space. Some are more appropriate than others, but she's sort of like the funnel that all these requests come to.

And we're re-looking at the policy again because it's hard to write a policy and then something comes up that's different, you know, and so we continue to work on this.

But one of the things I told Anne I would do is talk with you a little bit about what you feel is the criteria that we use.

Like when I send out that email to you that so-and-so has requested to use our space, what goes into your mind when you send back an approval?

Yes, that's it. A good group will do that, and then one of you will say, well, I'll be the point person, because the policy requires at least one person from the Social Justice Council attends the event, and then that person is also responsible to make sure that the group follows our procedures, cleans up appropriately, puts the room back in shape, that kind of thing, and leaves the space as they've found it. So I was wondering if we could just think a little bit and do a little brainstorming about what are the things that come into your mind when that request comes to you from me?

[@1:00:43](#) - **cbbellamy4@gmail.com**

Christina? Christina? Well, first and foremost, that they are aligned with our mission and values, and that's open to interpretation sometimes, but generally, really.

It's, I think it's pretty easy to see if those correlate, it's when it gets a little wiggly on the edges that we need to talk about it, because a lot of groups say one thing on their website, on their mission statement, but how they live it out is a little different than what they say.

So I don't think we ought to just automatically say yes, because on paper, it looks similar. I think we need to really know who the group is.

[@1:01:42](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Let me just respond to that and then I'll let you go, Carol. Sometimes if a particular person knows the group that we all know and has experienced their work, I try and put that in for that very reason.

So like, you know, even if it's not a member of our social justice council. then, Thank So, but I will, you know, if somebody has referred this group and knows it, then that's helpful, but that's a good point.

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

Carol? Well, I don't want to digress, but how maybe a discussion will ensue in how we determine, you know, do we really have to do a deep dive and research the group?

And would that be falling more on the responsibility of the Social Justice Committee?

[@1:02:29](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Well, it does. I think that, I think people should, you know, at least, if they're not familiar with the group, should at least check out their web page, you know, I mean, you know, yeah, I mean, it's not, I think, I

don't want to get too involved in this and go in and investigate the group, but if it's an unfamiliar group, I would be careful.

I mean, I think that we have to be concerned about it. Trudy? Trudy? Yeah, I think one of us, maybe two of us.

Trudy. You know, many hands may like Googling work, but I think Anne has so much on her plate and limited hours that we should take on that responsibility.

Yes. And also- It is our responsibility. Yeah. Yeah. I mean, do the research. Yeah. I mean, Anne doesn't do the research.

She said it's us to do the research. Making sure of that. Also, they need to be a non-profit.

[@1:03:35](#) - **carol v**

Yeah. Yeah. in money making.

[@1:03:38](#) - **bob hedlund**

Yeah. why? No.

[@1:03:40](#) - **Linda Stoller**

No, that's not true. Well, let's wait a second. Let's, let's, let's, that's a good point, Trude. Bob and then, and then Margie.

Let's talk about the non-profit.

[@1:03:51](#) - **bob hedlund**

Anne is, is in charge of rentals with, working with Joe. And they will rent to whoever wants to rent and tell them what kid.

Yeah. That's good. The category they fall into, if it is something that's appropriate for social justice to sponsor, Ann will get in touch with us, or you.

[@1:04:15](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Right, that's true, and that's what we're talking about, so when she does that. But let's talk about, in terms of our thinking this through, the issue of non-profit.

Why does it have to be a non-profit?

[@1:04:27](#) - **bob hedlund**

If it's for profit, if it is for profit, you will not hear about it.

[@1:04:33](#) - **Linda Stoller**

That's not true, that's not necessarily true, Bob, because if the person is doing, if they're doing something that is pertaining to social justice, and then making a profit from it, Ann might still refer to us.

[@1:04:49](#) - **bob hedlund**

It's unlikely, because if it's for profit, she will be charging them full rent, and you will not need to be involved.

[@1:04:58](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Well, that's, I want to talk about that. I to about that. you. Okay. Okay.

[@1:05:04](#) - **Margie Manning (she/her)**

Margie? So the issue that comes to mind is Lori Ergel wanted to host, have UUC host an organization that did, was it voter registrations?

[@1:05:18](#) - **Linda Stoller**

I can't remember. It was racial justice.

[@1:05:20](#) - **Margie Manning (she/her)**

Racial justice, excuse me, racial justice work. And they were a for-profit organization, but the work they were doing was totally aligned with our values and our mission.

Because they were for-profit, they didn't fit the criteria for that Category B that Linda is talking about. But they couldn't afford, or weren't willing, but I think they couldn't afford to pay the full rent, so we had to pass on the opportunity to host them.

So I think it's, while I understand wanting to maximize our rentals and thinking that for-profit organizations do have the capacity to pay, I also think

There's some discernment that needs to take place on our part. If it's aligned appropriately with, as Christina said, our mission and values, then perhaps we can give some consideration to having for-profit events under the auspices of the Social Justice Council.

But I think that's a case-by-case determination.

[@1:06:26](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Yeah, I agree with that. I didn't realize there had been any for-profits who couldn't quite make the full rental ticket, you know.

But I think if it's a for-profit that can't quite afford, I mean, not all for-profits make a ton of money.

And if they're, you know, we can look at a sliding scale with our partial supervision, sponsorship. Or we can just let them have the space.

Christina?

[@1:07:01](#) - **cbbellamy4@gmail.com**

Then there's- Another category, for instance, there are several time banks in the Tampa Bay area, Tampa, St. Pete, Spring Hill, and Sarasota, and we're all non-profit, we're not a 501c3, but for instance, well, St. Pete is, but the Tampa group doesn't even have a bank account, I mean, we are totally non-profit, but not on paper, so that would be enough.

Another category, the mission would absolutely align with the five core values of TimeBank and all the programs we do, but not on paper, there's no category.

[@1:07:47](#) - **Linda Stoller**

And another consideration when we're talking about profit versus non-profit is that, as I was explained many times, is that if somebody's doing a presentation, Bye.

And they're a person from a marginalized community and they, and they're doing this presentation to think that they're going to do it for free is really a very privileged position for us to take in terms of making, you know, inviting them to use our space if they, if they're, what they're talking about and what they're doing is part of, you know, is aligned with our mission and our values.

And I thought that was also an interesting viewpoint. So what's, what's the financial, if any implication of that, that we would offer a stipend or let them do fundraising, you know, for their.

[@1:08:51](#) - **bob hedlund**

If, if it's, if it's for charge, if they are asking for people to pay for the event, it is always going to be a.

[@1:09:04](#) - **Linda Stoller**

That's, but Bob, that's, that's, that's up to us.

[@1:09:07](#) - **bob hedlund**

That's not, not up to you. It's up to the board of trustees and it's up to the finance people.

Well, unless you want to pay for it, which will run you at least a hundred dollars a time.

[@1:09:24](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Except that that's not the feedback that, I mean, we're looking at this policy. That's why we're looking at the policy because that's because policy.

[@1:09:35](#) - **bob hedlund**

If charge, it's under a different, if it's for donation, that's a different story. right.

[@1:09:42](#) - **Linda Stoller**

If it's a ticketed event where you pay to get in, it is going to be a rental. But if it's for donation.

[@1:09:52](#) - **bob hedlund**

If it's for donation, voluntary donation, that's fine.

[@1:09:59](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Okay.

[@1:10:00](#) - **carol v**

I'm Carol. Well. That's what I was going to say.

[@1:10:03](#) - **Trude Diamond**

had my hand up and I was waiting to speak. Okay.

[@1:10:06](#) - **carol v**

Sorry. Everybody else spoke. If they ask for a donation, and part of the purpose is for us to promote their group, even though they don't have enough money, and if they're trying to raise money for their group, and they do it by asking for donations or whatever fits into our policy or if we change our policy, I mean, how else do we help promote like-minded groups?
I don't know.

[@1:10:33](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Margie?

[@1:10:34](#) - **Margie Manning (she/her)**

Well, I'd like to build on what Carol just said and respecting what Bob said. I think Bob correctly identified our current policy and explained it very appropriately.

And Carol said we could change our policy, which I think is very in line with our faith values. Unitarian Universalism is not a static tradition, and our policies don't have to be static.

I think that that- They change with the times. When I was president, we totally rewrote the policy handbook. So things that were policies in the mid-2010s are no longer policies now.

They've changed based on input. So I love this discussion about how can we make our policies relevant to our social justice needs and realities of what we're facing today.

[@1:11:32](#) - **carol v**

And then Carol.

[@1:11:34](#) - **cbbellamy4@gmail.com**

Thank you. Well, then there's the case of AA. Every AA meeting passes the basket and people put in one dollar or two depending upon the neighborhood.

In Telluride, it's three bucks, but that's another story. And then that money either goes to pay rent to the facility or it just buys the coffee and stuff.

interesting. stuff. It's And For many years at UUC, AA was given that space for free, and that's not the way AA works.

AA has its own culture where the groups are asked to pay for the opportunity to be in that space. So I think maybe now they make a donation to UUC. I can't remember, but it literally is the only group I've ever heard of who got space for free.

Now, there are exceptions to that in some of the churches and some of the marginalized neighborhoods, that sort of thing.

But, you know, there's our culture, and then there's the culture of the group, and then there's the paper, and then there's the legal part.

I'm really glad we're having this conversation because there are many nuances to this.

[@1:13:03](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Just for your information, the AAs do pay, and you're right, Christina, it is required or part of their culture that they pay.

So that is a separate case.

[@1:13:18](#) - **cbbellamy4@gmail.com**

You're right.

[@1:13:18](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Right. And if a group wants to take a donation up for us, that's not out of line either. Carol?

[@1:13:30](#) - **carol v**

So I just wondered, aren't there some things we do at our events where we take donations because we can't charge for things because we are a nonprofit?

So wouldn't we be affording that to the same nonprofits that we are offering space to? And I don't, do I just, do I mean, I mean, we say donations, but we have it like at a ticket table at the front door or whatever.

[@1:13:54](#) - **Margie Manning (she/her)**

But I know we take donations because we can't sell beer or wine.

[@1:13:57](#) - **carol v**

Right. But are there, are there other instances where we. And. As a non-profit, can't take, like charge admissions for some things, but can't take donations, I don't know, is that not true?

[@1:14:12](#) - **Margie Manning (she/her)**

Okay. Just alcohol.

[@1:14:15](#) - **carol v**

Just alcohol?

[@1:14:16](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Okay.

[@1:14:16](#) - **cbbellamy4@gmail.com**

The first year or year and a half, I don't know, well into NAMI, we had a basket there to pay to keep the lights on, you know.

It was very minimal. I don't think it amounted to \$100 over two years. But NAMI finally said, no, no money at all.

Everybody who comes to any NAMI event, money cannot be a part of the equation. They're really adamant about that.

So we don't put a basket out anymore, even though it was just a small amount to clean the room or something.

No money at all, ever, with NAMI.

[@1:15:01](#) - **Linda Stoller**

endo. endo. endo. If The thing that I would like to just go back to is when we're asked as a social justice council to co-sponsor or support an organization, what are the things that we should look at to determine if we think, as a social justice council, this particular activity is valuable to have at our facility.

I mean, that's really what we're being asked. We don't, and so I think that, you know, we, we have that, we do know that they're aligned with mission and values, but I think this is valuable to talk about.

mean, should that be the, the, the financial part about how much money we're making? Should that be something that we as a social justice council consider if um, if it's valuable to,

Community. I mean, valuable to, you know, to us, basically. Carol?

[@1:16:12](#) - **cbbellamy4@gmail.com**

You're muted, Carol.

[@1:16:17](#) - **carol v**

I was to say, well, I agree that is it valuable. And then I was going to say to the community, and aligned with our values, I was also going to say, what if the tables were reversed?

What if UUC was just, you know, meeting at people's houses or whatever, and we wanted to reach out to the community more?

You know, say we didn't have the property and it was reversed and we were looking for a place. Should we put, think about it in that respect and put ourselves in that position?

As long as it aligns, our values align, you know, how would we feel? I don't know. I mean, as long as we can afford it and we have people volunteering to be able to, um...

You know, be there and facilitate, I don't mean to say oversee, but there's UUC or Social Justice Council member there to be able to keep things in alignment, you know, make sure that they put the room back the way it was found, et cetera, et cetera, and that until we reach the point where we can't afford to pay, like, so write an extra, you know, spend extra time.

[@1:17:27](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Yeah, let me just, let me just insert there, there is a policy that if Zoraida or Jeremy or some other staff are required to be at this activity by the group that's having the event, then that group pays for that separately, so that we're just talking about the room rental, that's all, that's all that we, that our approval just gives the, gives the organization or the person the ability to use our room at no cost, so that's.

So we're not saying we're going to pay for Zoraida or Jeremy, and if that's needed because food is being served or something's happening that's a little bit more intense, whatever, that they need Zoraida to come in.

And Anne will determine that based on her conversation with the person after we give our approval.

[@1:18:28](#) - **carol v**

Yes, I guess I was just, and we're not at that point, the balancing point of us having to absorb a cost, which, you know, we're not doing right now, you know, the cost of paying extra for Zoraida or Jeremy or whatever's, you know, to follow up.

So thank you for clarifying that one, Dan. Sure, sure.

[@1:18:47](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Everyone know. Yeah.

[@1:18:49](#) - **Margie Manning (she/her)**

Margie? I think one other criteria might be how immediate the impact is in Pinellas County. You know, there could be organizations that have kind of a broader.

Water. Impact that extends beyond Pinellas County, but if the organization is more specifically focused in Pinellas County, would give them a little higher priority, perhaps.

[@1:19:17](#) - **Linda Stoller**

What do other people think about that? I mean, if there's contention for space on a given date and time, yeah, whenever it's local would probably take, because for one thing, I mean, I'm thinking of immediate action kinds of things in times of a hurricane or something like that, if, if some place that has but so much storage space needs more space for storage of diapers and foods, stuff like that, and we can provide space. So people who are kind of. If out of house and home or whatever can come and get what they need, that's a very local thing, and I think that should get a top priority, not that there'd be any question about that, really, but I think things that are local and things that are kind of emergency support, if there's a question of priorities, like we have several demands at the same time.

Yeah.

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

Carol, we have, but I was just wondering, looking at the calendar, I mean, and do we have so much space that maybe we're so fortunate to have the space to be able to offer it that maybe that wouldn't be an issue, but I think local is good, because those are usually the smaller groups that don't have the money to, you know, to do what they need to do, but I I just look at how much.

much. We have, and you know, all the times a day, so that's just another thought, too, that's all.

[@1:21:08](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Christina?

[@1:21:10](#) - **cbbellamy4@gmail.com**

Well, as we all know, food security is always an issue in some neighborhoods. Now, with all the federal cutbacks and everything else that's going on, if you're following the food distribution locally, many churches are doing exactly what you said, Trude, that normally do not do that.

They are asking the community to bring in diapers.

[@1:21:36](#) - **carol v**

The libraries are in Palm Harbor.

[@1:21:39](#) - **cbbellamy4@gmail.com**

The library, the senior center, the municipal center is all asking for foods to be distributed because in some cases, the requests have multiplied and doubled and tripled.

And some people are coming to volunteer at food banks just so they can get food because there's It's so a shame to drive up and only get the food.

They're volunteering as well. I mean, the stories are starting to surface. I don't think they've hit the news in a major way yet, but it's already there.

[@1:22:18](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Okay, so we're getting a little bit away from the initial brainstorming, though, in terms of what we consider when somebody comes to us with a request.

One of the things that I thought of is, is it open to the community? And this came to my mind because a request came in from Equality Florida, and they wanted to use our space to have a party for their volunteers, their volunteers, but it wasn't open to the community.

And... That request didn't turn out to be approved, it never came to us, but it was a request that came in, but then I thought about like how about if it's open to the community or it serves a marginal population that we want to go into relationship with.

Equality Florida would do that. It wouldn't be open to the community, it's only for its volunteers, but it does serve a marginalized population.

Right, but would that event be serving the marginalized population? It's rewarding the volunteers. Right. Indirectly, but if it's a party, it's going to require food and clean up.

And they can pay for They would pay for that. We're just talking about the room. Yeah. Just about approval.

[@1:23:57](#) - **carol v**

Yeah. So why was it, so it was not approved? Right. Okay. Could you help me understand why I wasn't involved in all of that conversation, but I think it had something to do with the fact that it was a party and it wasn't open to the community.

[@1:24:23](#) - **Linda Stoller**

So it seemed like that didn't fit any of our categories.

[@1:24:29](#) - **bob hedlund**

Not social justice categories. Right. But it would be available as a rental car.

[@1:24:36](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Yeah, of course. Of course. But not a social justice.

[@1:24:40](#) - **carol v**

Yeah. Right. And then it would be up to, with our input or not, I don't know.

[@1:24:46](#) - **Linda Stoller**

We're out of it. We're only involved with it. Yeah.

[@1:24:49](#) - **bob hedlund**

Yeah. But then they would pay some approximately full price.

[@1:24:56](#) - **carol v**

Yeah. was just going to say maybe a discussion of an adjustment of a reduced rate.

[@1:25:02](#) - **bob hedlund**

No, Ann and Jo do that.

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

Yes. That's not the current problem.

[@1:25:08](#) - **carol v**

I'm just curious. I know we're off track now.

[@1:25:11](#) - **Linda Stoller**

So what do you think about that, if we use it as a criteria that when we get these, if it's open to the community or it's serving a marginalized population that we want to be in relationship with?

Yeah. Yes.

[@1:25:33](#) - **carol v**

And, of course, align with our values.

[@1:25:36](#) - **Linda Stoller**

That's implied. Yeah. That's the base.

[@1:25:40](#) - **carol v**

Yeah. Yeah.

[@1:25:42](#) - **Sue Hand**

So I have a question about that, because let's say that same group, Equality Florida, wanted to use our space for team training.

So it's not going to be open to the greater community for anybody to walk in. And but it's helping to make their organization stronger, and we're in alignment with them as as an organization fine.

[@1:26:14](#) - **Linda Stoller**

That's fine. Actually, those kinds of trainings usually are open to the community anyway, but but I can't think of an Equality Florida event that because they want to train a lot of people.

That's what they're, you know, that's what they're working with, so it, but if they were having, say, PFLAG was having a program that was just for trans people, it was a trans whatever, and it was just for trans people, was not open to the community, but that would still fit, you know, that would be something you give them free space for.

Yeah. You know, or like the refugees, when they have, if they. want to do that refugees men's group, and it's just open to the refugees.

Again, it's a marginalized group that we want to be in relationship.

[@1:27:11](#) - **cbbellamy4@gmail.com**

Like the two Gulf Coast events that are coming up.

[@1:27:15](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Yeah, yeah, exactly. Okay, is there anything else that anyone wants to say about this?

[@1:27:29](#) - **cbbellamy4@gmail.com**

Well, I like just in a contextual sort of way. I like that one of the reasons why I met UU is because we evolve, we transform, we consider what's happening in the world in terms of how we do things and what we stand for.

This is sort of a corollary of that. I mean, we have a board of trustees, we have bylaws, we have policies, and we revisit them and discuss them and see.

If they're relevant today, I like that, because that makes what we're doing alive and relevant, not a part of a book somewhere, a big binder of the living tradition, right?

ACTION ITEM: Email Anne Gilbert SJC rental criteria; then vet requests and share findings - [WATCH](#)

[@1:28:21](#) - **Linda Stoller**

That's right. Okay, well, thank you very much. And if anyone has anything else that they want to add, I will give to Anne the idea that, first of all, of course, when we think about these things, it has to be aligned with our mission and values, that we will take responsibility for investigating any organizations that we're not familiar with before we give our approval.

And I will share that investigation with everyone before the approval is asked, that the event has to either be open to the community or serving a march.

Marginalized, you know, community that you want to be in a relationship with, that if there's a conflict of dates or too many people asking whatever, that priority would definitely go to something local over something broad based, but that would not be a criteria if we have plenty of space.

Those are the three things that I think we can say at this point. Is that what everyone is hearing?

Thank you, Linda. Okay, Maryann, I'll talk to you about that question afterwards, okay? Carol's hand is up.

[@1:29:47](#) - **carol v**

I hate to ask for more, but just something to think about. Okay. What about, and I don't know, maybe we shouldn't do this, but we have so much space to think about actually.

I saw side Especially anybody knowing other groups in the community that we might invite in that are really hurting or looking or needing space, and I hate to put any burden on anybody to do that because that would mean, you know, also being responsible for attending their meetings, but do you know what I mean, but just a thought, you know, maybe it's too much.

[@1:30:29](#) - **Linda Stoller**

I think, I think Ann is a little bit burdened with, I mean, she gets people calling that they want to do a crochet class and they want free space, and they're talking about how crocheting is, you know, and Ann wants, you know, Ann says, well, if you remember, we have a category for reduced space, and we have a social justice reduced space, and to go, crocheting is social, I mean, this is the kind of calls that Ann gets all the time.

Hey, have Marshawn. Hey, And Marshawn is a different category as a book club, and, you know, those are, those are people that are members.

There are of our congregation that have requested space to do these other things, so but then there's people that aren't even members, and then people say, well, can I use some members so I can use this, you know, so Anne's a handful, let me tell you, when we meet, they have a lot to say.

[@1:31:19](#) - **carol v**

I understand. I guess what I meant was maybe if we could do the back door, if we know or hear of an organization that does need, maybe we come to the council and then, you know, vet them beforehand and then present it to Anne.

[@1:31:31](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Yeah, generally, she likes to get the first request and then send it to me. Okay. She has a, you know, she's got the bigger picture in her head, so I would not encourage that.

I would encourage organizations to see Anne first and then let her funnel it to me and go in that direction. Okay. Also, she's funneling it to Joe Pace, of course.

[@1:32:00](#) - **carol v**

Yeah. a second. Yeah.

[@1:32:02](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Yeah. All right. Sounds good. Thank you very much. The next thing is the refugee program, and I just wanted to let people know, because I wasn't sure that the Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services Refugee Program, the city had formed a connection with this group and with the garden and had a very successful experience with them.

And then Mary, who's the head of the refugee part of this program, connected with some of us at that event.

And as a result, four times a year, and you've gotten some of this in the email, four times a year the refugee program is using our parking lot to have a mobile mobile health unit come up to the parking lot.

They have, they have their, their. We signing up for health care and they have appointments and we staff the afternoon when Ann leaves so that the building can be open so that they can use the bathrooms. So we have two people that have volunteered for December and then there's going to be other requests throughout the year because it's a quarterly event.

And so I just wanted to let people know that we're doing that and I feel really good about that.

But I'm also planning to meet with Mary to see if there's other things because they did ask about this men's group.

And unfortunately, the date they asked for was today, which is not a good date because we have our meeting.

And also there's a cleanup going on, which Carol, thank you for letting, you know, for mentioning that. So it was not a good date, and so they're doing that meeting someplace else, but I would, this is a group that I would really like to be in relationship with, I'd like UUC to be in relationship with this, with these refugee group, and so I just wanted to let people know that we have started to form this relationship with them, and hopefully we will pursue that.

So this is sort of a different direction than we've done in the past with the English as a Second Language training that we were offering, but I'm looking forward to this, and I'll be talking, now that Barbara Foley is back, I'll be talking with Barbara about that, and see what she thinks about that, so just want to let people know that that was happening, so that, Bob, did you have something?

ACTION ITEM: Email Barbara Foley re: refugee program; then take lead of Refugee Committee - [WATCH](#)

[@1:35:03](#) - bob hedlund

Yes. While you're talking to Barb and thinking about refugees, I would like to see someone take charge of the Refugee Committee, because we do have money for that that's been donated over the years.

Okay. I just would like someone to be responsible for using it.

[@1:35:32](#) - Linda Stoller

Okay. I will do that. Thank you, Bob. Okay.

[@1:35:41](#) - carol v

Can I just ask whoever volunteered for the first mobile health unit set up, how did it go?

[@1:35:49](#) - Linda Stoller

Oh, it was easy. I mean, the only thing that was a little confusing because, um, and when I got there, I had the first shift and Ann said that she thought they were leaving early, but I think what I bit.

Yeah. All They didn't end up leaving early, so fortunately when, I forget who it was who came second shift, but whoever it was, came and was able to stay, oh, it was Lauren, Lauren came and stayed till four, but it was easy, it was, they had a group, they had set up a big tent near the mobile unit, there was, and so people were sitting there, they had a lot of people that were welcoming the people, so we really had no, anything to do except just to, I sat in the lobby with my computer and then people came to the door, just welcomed them and let them use the bathroom, so that's literally, that's all we did.

[@1:36:48](#) - carol v

Okay, great, thanks, I'll like that on your list to sign up for, yeah, for volunteering for that.

[@1:36:57](#) - Linda Stoller

Okay, I just put the holiday programs mitten tree on the agenda because It's the end of October, and I don't see Ann Burnham on the call, and I don't think Ann is back yet.

ACTION ITEM: Email Anne Burnham re: Mitten Tree coordination - [WATCH](#)

No, she's not. November, she'll be back. When is she back? November. I'm not sure when in November.

Okay, I'll have to email her and see if she's interested in helping coordinate that.

But I did want to put that on the, you know, we're heading into the holidays, and it was successful. I mean, people do like that mitten tree, and we might want to just think about doing that again. Is there anybody on the call right now that is interested in working on that project?

[@1:37:49](#) - **cbbellamy4@gmail.com**

The mitten tree?

[@1:37:51](#) - **Linda Stoller**

Yeah. No. Okay. Well, we'll see if we can get somebody that might be interested in that. All right. right. Anything else that we need to talk about this after this morning? No. Okay. Then our next meeting is November 22nd.

And everybody have a good Saturday.

[@1:38:20](#) - **Sue Hand**

I actually have a question. Yes. Two meetings ago, I said that I would help with looking over the website. And then the board was doing something which put our part of it on hold.

[@1:38:37](#) - **Linda Stoller**

What's happening with that? Oh, Margie, you want to report on that?

[@1:38:41](#) - **Margie Manning (she/her)**

Yes. so, um, Linda and I ended up, um, just working on some, uh, revamps to the website, uh, which I think I described at the last meeting.

If you look at the minutes, um, um, essentially all the social justice, uh, that are currently spread out in various pieces over the website will all be at consolidated.

[@1:39:02](#) - **Linda Stoller**

I did an

[@1:39:03](#) - **Margie Manning (she/her)**

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[@1:39:46](#) - **bob hedlund**

Yay.

[@1:39:48](#) - **Sue Hand**

Okay.

[@1:39:50](#) - **Linda Stoller**

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[@1:40:46](#) - **carol v**

Yay. Okay. Carol had a very good idea in chat. The mittens tree, the RA always is involved with it in terms of making the mittens and so on, but they can't.

They can't. Be involved in organizing the people to bring the stuff in, that's too much for them, I think.

Okay, that's shared responsibilities. Yeah, they do involve the children, the children always make the mittens and they glue on the requests and they do the art part, but the actual organization of having people sign up and blah, blah, blah, has to be a committee outside of them.

Too technical, okay. Thank you, good thought. All right, folks, have a good Saturday, good seeing everyone. Take care, See you.

Thanks, Linda. Bye. Bye. Bye.