

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MINUTES DECEMBER 7, 2017

Present: Nancy Kachel, Amanda Fineran, Mary Jones, Doodee Backstrom, Bob Heise, Paul Schalekamp, Carol Frechette, Marsha Pridgeon, Allen Frechette

1. We discussed the giving of our 25% of the Global Peacemaking Offering to the Dar alfarooq Islamic Center. The check was evened out to \$500.00.
2. Marsha handed out two sheets from the panel speaker, Stephanie DeFrance Schmidt, regarding volunteer training handout and one other handout that she sent to Marsha.
3. Prayers requested for Doody & Carol's friend Diane.
4. Bill asked that we consider a draft overture to Presbytery GA from Cherokee Park United Church in St. Paul. Tomie Evans came to our meeting to talk about his draft proposal. Citizen's Climate Lobby had 500 conversations with Congress. Climate Solutions Caucus is a bipartisan committee with 62 Congressional members. Suggests rather than regulation, use carbon fee and dividend, which would distribute money to all families from coal/oil/gas fee. Committee members discussed the proposed overture and endorsed the general concept. Al expressed concerns about the impression that the resolution gave that the major political parties were equally supportive of the proposed action and suggested references to the Citizen's Climate Lobby be removed. Al indicated he was also prepared to discuss this at Green Committee at 7:00. We suggested he also contact St. Luke's & Church of the Apostles as supportive resources.

5. Marsha and Amy will draft a letter and send to Liberty Community Church in Minneapolis with a check for \$1,000.00 for a scholarship for the students at the 21st Century Academy in honor of Jermaine Ross-Allum and we will also write to Jermaine about this event.
6. Marsha will remain on the committee to work with Isaiah regarding Sanctuary. We need to establish a Sanctuary Sub-Committee to discuss issues and set up a meeting with Stephanie Gil to speak to a faith formation regarding Immigrants and why Sanctuary Churches are needed.
7. Carol will send email addresses of the SJC to all members.
8. Gratitude was expressed to Arusha for chairing the Social Justice Committee.
 - Al suggested each church committee have a web page with email of committee members. Bob has a candidate to suggest for the job.
 - Paul will share an article on payday lending in January.