

Oak Grove Presbyterian Church  
SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
February 2, 2018

Present: Nancy Kachel, Amanda Fineran, Paul Schalekamp, Marsha Pridgeon and Amy Zsohar Doodee Backstrom, Bob Heise, Frank Bliss, Carol Frechette, Allen Frechette

Absent: Mary Jones, Ron Dubis

Carol opened the meeting with Prayer at 6:00 PM. The committee shared joys and concerns.

The first agenda item on the focus issues for 2018, was discussed. Amy suggested we invite the congregation to suggest focus issues. There was further discussion on this and a consensus to ask the congregation about focus issues and have them put their suggestions into the offering baskets. The committee would receive the suggestions at our next meeting in March. Amanda volunteered to prepare the paper slips for February 11th distribution.

Carol asked members to help prepare quotes for the bulletin and display on Sundays. Bob said he would collect these and type them up.

Amanda asked who she should talk to about working on the web page. It was suggested she talk to Mary Koon about this.

Carol opened discussion on the Move to Amend resolution. Following discussion, Carol volunteered to give a minute announcement on Sunday, February 4th, about the upcoming caucuses on February 6th, and provide the resolution that the Session had approved for them to bring to their caucuses.

The previous plan to invite resource speakers for the two faith formations for Social Justice was discussed. Carol reported that she has tried several times to get speakers without success. Marsha said she would try to contract Stephanie Gill and Sarah Davis.

Amy reported that she had sent a check on December 18th, for \$1,000 to the School of the Americas but had not heard back from them. Amy will reach out to Jermain also.

Amy suggested an excellent book "The Hate You Give" by Angie Thomas. She suggested we could have a book discussion during a faith formation. This was discussed but no consensus was reached.

The Sanctuary project was discussed. Amy recalled that Social Justice had recommended to Session that we would be a Sanctuary Support Church and that recommendation was brought to Session. Marsha reported that Session had discussed this but had decided to study this further. Amy suggested we could record a Faith Formation program on this and place it on the web page as well. Marsha suggested Stephanie Gill would be the best speaker to record if she could be reached for one of the Sundays March 4th or 18th designated for Social Justice. Marsha is organizing speakers. Nancy will see if Macalester Plymouth United Church has newsletter articles on this topic that we could use.

The minutes from January 4th were approved with the opening time corrected to 6:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by  
Allen Frechette, Secretary

## **Social Justice Committee Agenda**

March 1, 2018  
6:00 PM

- A. Beginning Prayer
- B. Joys & Concerns
- C. 2018 Focus Issues from the congregation votes
- D. Weekly Bulletin & Screen update — Bob
- E. Social Justice Committee Web Page update—Amanda
- F. JRLC Day on the Hill - March 13th
- G. Resource Speakers for March 18th - Marsha
- H. Update on School of The Americas—Amy & Marsha
- I. Homeless bags - Marsha