Oak Grove Presbyterian Church SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MINUTES March 1st, 2018

Present: Amanda Fineran, Mary Jones, Marsha Pridgeon, Bob Heise, Pastor Bill Chadwick, Allen Frechette

Absent: Nancy Kachel, Ron Dubis, Paul Schalekamp, Amy Zsohar, Doodee Backstrom, Frank Bliss, Carol Frechette

Marsha opened the meeting with Prayer at 6:03 PM. The committee shared joys and concerns.

The first agenda item on the focus issues for 2018, was discussed. All distributed a list of the focus issues that had been submitted by the congregation. The committee discussed the issues and noted some common themes. They will review them more and discuss them again at the April meeting.

Bob reported that the weekly bulletins will continue to present the quote and it will be shown on the screens before the services.

Bill suggested gun violence and Move to Amend for good focus issues and Al made this into a motion. "There was discussion about adding sanctuary to the list. Bill suggested that being a sanctuary supporting church would not raise issues of conflicts with other programs like Oasis and Safe Nights that the church has already committed to. There was a motion, a second and it passed (M/S/P) to include sanctuary supporting church, move to amend and gun violence as issues to focus on this year. Carol was volunteered to take gun violence, Al will do Move to Amend and Marsha will take Sanctuary supporting.

Marsha noted that homeless bags needed to be filled again soon and April 15th was suggested as a good Sunday to do that.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Allen Frechette, Secretary

## **Social Justice Committee Agenda**

## April 5, 2018 6:00 PM

- A. Beginning Prayer
- B. Joys & Concerns
- C. 2018 Focus Issues from the congregation votes continued discussion
- D. Weekly Bulletin & Screen update Bob
- E. Social Justice Committee Web Page update—Amanda
- F. <u>JRLC Day on the Hill</u> March 13th Reports
- G. Resource Speakers for March 18th & Stephanie Gil Marsha
- H. Update on 21st Century Academy—Amy & Marsha
- I. Homeless bags Marsha
- J. Report on Oak Grove's participation for <u>March Against Gun Violence</u>, March 24th, State Capitol 10-12.
- K. Report on <u>Justice Choir Event</u>, March 10, @ 4:00 on racism. Presbyterian Church of the Apostles.