

Oak Grove Presbyterian Church
SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 3rd, 2018

Present: Carol Frechette, Nancy Kachel, Mary Jones, Paul Schalekamp, Lily Dodge, Marsha Pridgeon, Bob Heise, Doodee Backstrom, Frank Bliss, Amanda Fineran, Ron Dubis, Allen Frechette

Absent: Amy Zsohar, Christy Thorson

Carol opened the meeting with prayer at 6:03 PM followed by sharing joys and concerns.

The April minutes were approved by motion.

Bob provided an update on the posting of Social Justice quotes before services and in the weekly bulletin. He noted that we have several weeks worth yet but suggested we begin to prepare more.

Marsha reported on the homeless bags assembly. She said for the next batch we needed socks. Bob suggested posting needs on our website. Amanda will post the list. Bob suggested putting something in the bags from Oak Grove. It was suggested to ask Bill about what we would put in the bag about Oak Grove or if this was a good idea. There was discussion about asking the youth to help with this project.

Amanda reported on the web page. She said she will be putting the minutes up.

Carol reported that two more focus issue suggestions were turned in. One on preventing gun violence and one on the Me Too movement suggesting a resource speaker. Carol suggested we involve Nathan in organizing this. Marsha said she called Stephanie Gill and left a message but hasn't heard back yet. Hopefully we can arrange something for next year.

Marsha and Frank reported on a Sanctuary Support meeting at the First Universalist Church of Minneapolis they had attended. Marsha said they suggested that addressing the issue politically is where we need to start. Marsha said we could donate \$100 per month to Isiah if we decided to become a Sanctuary support church. Frank said corresponding with detainees is also helpful. Frank said the Universalist church was hosting a potluck dinner on this issue.

There was discussion on the gun violence prevention draft resolution that Al and Carol had prepared. Lily reported on the walkout she organized at her Middle School in Prior Lake. Frank initiated a round of applause for Lily's courage on this. There was discussion on the draft resolution, but time being short it was suggested that we bring this back for discussion at our June meeting and post it on the church web page in our committee section to solicit additional comments. There was consensus on posting the draft resolution on our committee's web page.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Allen Frechette, Secretary

Social Justice Committee Agenda

June 7th, 2018
6:00 PM

1. Beginning Prayer
2. Joys & Concerns
3. Social Justice Committee Web Page update—Amanda
4. Discussion on Sanctuary Support
5. Discussion of draft resolution supporting legislative action to address gun violence
6. Next step on Move to Amend to solicit support from other congregations.