

Oak Grove Presbyterian Church SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MINUTES for December 6th, 2018

Present: , Marsha Pridgeon, Bob Ritter, Pamara Ritter, Anne Ritterspach, Mary Bowen-Eggebraaten, Nancy Kachel, Doodee Backstrom, Ron Dubis, Carol Frechette, Amanda Fineran, Mary Jones, Allen Frechette

Absent: Lily Dodge, Frank Bliss, Paul Schalekamp, Amy Zsohar, Christy Thorson

Carol opened the meeting with joys and concerns followed by a devotion.

The November minutes were approved.

Homeless Bags: Marsha reported that she and Mary Koon discussed with Bill Chadwick about filling the homeless bags in February. Marsha and Mary distributed an assignment list with time-lines and a letter from Bill to be used for soliciting donations. There was discussion on actions and volunteers. Amanda and Marsha volunteered to make announcements at both services two Sundays before the bag preparation. Marsha will write articles for Oak Leaves in December. Nancy will talk to Mary about involving the youth on Wednesday, February 6th to fill bags and Ron and Marsha will help organize this. On Sunday February 10th, Anne will coordinate distribution of the bags after the first service and Marsha will coordinate distribution after the second service.

Web Page: Amanda provided an update on the web page and noted that she is researching how to make our website postings more searchable.

Organizational relationship of Rainbow Fellowship and Social Justice Committee: Carol opened discussion on our committee's association with the Rainbow Fellowship. There was a consensus to separate Rainbow Fellowship's budget from Social Justice as they have not been participating in our meetings nor coordinating with us on their expenditures from our budget. No one knew how the decision was made to combine our budgets. It was the consensus that Rainbow Fellowship should develop their own budget for Session consideration.

Social Justice Committee Budget – remaining funds: Carol opened discussion on the status of our budget and Al gave an update on information he had just received from Meghan Dooley, noting the expenditures that had been made already for the year and remaining funds. He reported that there was a balance of \$835.93 in our 2018 budget. There was a discussion about whether and how to use these funds. A motion was made and passed to donate the remaining balance to [21st Century Academy](#), (previously Kwanzaa) the school program headed by Pastor Alike Galloway in Minneapolis that former [Associate Pastor Anthony Jermaine Ross Allam](#) had helped start.

Social Justice Committee Budget for 2019: We discussed goals for 2019, and a motion was made and passed to request \$3,000 for next year for Social Justice with a plan to continue support for 21st Century Academy (\$1000), Sanctuary Support actions (\$1,000) and the balance (\$1,000) reserved for funding speakers and programs including: gun violence, Move to Amend and homeless bag supplies.

Planning for Trigger program: Carol will give Beth an announcement for Oak Leaves to announce the showing of Trigger. Al will send a notice to Presbytery for posting in their newsletter. Ron said he will submit notice to local newspapers.

Other Agenda Items (Move to Amend, Central American Families Seeking Asylum, Sanctuary Support) were not discussed due to lack of time.

Other: Mary Bowen-Eggebraaton requested that we view the video [Chosen](#) at the January meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Allen Frechette, Secretary

Social Justice Committee Agenda

January 3rd, 2019

6:00 PM

1. Joys & Concerns
2. Beginning Prayer
3. Review and approve minutes
4. Homeless bags update - Marsha
5. Social Justice Committee Web Page update—Amanda
6. Arrangements for hosting the movie "Trigger" (about gun violence) on Saturday afternoon, January 19th, Updates on actions related to Move to Amend with Bloomington, - Ron
7. Communities Supporting Central American Families Seeking Asylum – Doodee
8. Undoing Racism Program January 17th
9. Discussion on Sanctuary Support - Marsha
10. Discussion about gun violence tabling for next three Sundays and update on speaker for January 20th Faith Formation.
11. View the video Chosen and brief discussion. Mary will be in Hawaii, so the video viewing will be postponed until our February meeting.