

Oak Grove Presbyterian Church SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MINUTES for January 3, 2019

Present: , Marsha Pridgeon, Bob Ritter, Pamara Ritter, Anne Ritterspach, Paul Schalekamp, Doodee Backstrom, Ron Dubis, Carol Frechette, Susan Thomforde, Emily Christy, Allen Frechette

Absent: Lily Dodge, Frank Bliss, Nancy Kachel, Mary Jones, Mary Bowen-Eggebraaten

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

The December minutes were approved with the correction to remove Christy Thorson from the committee. Marsha said that most needed are feminine products, warm socks and non-perishable food. There was a request to scan Bill's letter and distribute it to the committee members.

Web Page: Amanda has resigned from the committee due to time constraints. Al said he would provide committee minutes, agendas and other materials to Beth for our committee's webpage..

Trigger movie event: Carol reported on progress for showing the movie Trigger. Ron will arrange for coffee. Marsha, Carol, Bob, and Susan will bring bars and come early to set up. Ron will open the church at 1:00 PM. Carol will introduce the speaker.

A speaker for the Faith Formation on Sunday January 20 has not been identified yet. There was discussion on this and a consensus to see if we can resolve this after Tuesday's event at the State Capital. Al said he could ask Richard Painter a University of Minnesota Ethics professor to speak as he has been engaged in the gun violence effort and is an excellent speaker. We decided to wait to see if someone from [Moms Demand Action](#) could be found at the Capital event to speak.

Move to Amend: Carol gave an update on recent activities within the Presbytery on the Move to Amend movement. Al noted that the new Democratic House Majority was proposing to address this issue as one of the provisions in their first legislation [HR 1](#) and he would email committee members when the text was released.

A program on racism was discussed following an email sent out on December 13 to committee members. "Undoing Racism: In it for the Long Haul," where you can check in and reenergize around the racial justice work your congregation is doing. The gathering will be **Thursday, January 17**, at [Cherokee Park United Church](#), 371 Baker St W, St Paul, MN 55107. Gathering starts at 6:30 p.m., with soup and fellowship. The program will run from 7-9 p.m.

Other: Mary Bowen-Eggebraaton requested that we view the video [Chosen](#) at the February meeting as she was unable to attend tonight.

Carol reported that the Social Justice Committee had received a letter from [Jubilee USA](#) requesting another donation of annual dues to this organization. There were questions about what this organization does and time was limited so this was deferred to our February meeting when more information will be provided.

Paul mentioned the [Exodus Lending program](#) and gave an update.

Ron mentioned the [JRLC](#) was coming up also and invited members to participate this year.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Allen Frechette, Secretary

Social Justice Committee Agenda

March 7, 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—Al
6. Follow-up comments on the gun violence programs we held in January.
7. Communities Supporting Central American Families Seeking Asylum – Doodee
8. Discussion on Sanctuary Support - Marsha
9. Consideration of the Jubilee donation request. - Carol
10. Update on Congress's HR 1. Al
11. View the video Chosen and brief discussion