

Oak Grove Presbyterian Church SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE
MINUTES for March 7, 2019

Present: Marsha Pridgeon, Nancy Kachel, Susan Thomforde, Mary Jones, Mary Bowen-Eggebraaten, Ron Dubis, Carol Frechette, Allen Frechette

Absent: Lily Dodge, Frank Bliss, Bob Ritter, Pamara Ritter, Anne Ritterspach, Paul Schalekamp, Doodee Backstrom, Emily Christy

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

Ron passed around information about the Southern Poverty Law Center.

The minutes from the January meeting were approved.

Mary Bowen-Eggebraaten explained the Chosen program materials and presentation format before we watched the video. Following the video there was a discussion and it was suggested we share this video with the youth group leaders. A motion was offered and passed to recommend this to our youth leaders. Mary will refer this to Associate Pastor Mary Koon.

Marsha gave a report on the homeless bags project and reported that 92 bags had been prepared. Marsha will write an article for the April Oak Leaves to ask members who give out bags to report back on their location and any responses they receive from recipients. Carol reported that we had received a gift card of \$25.00 from the Burnsville Costco after providing the church letter and documentation on our charity status. Al said he would email that letter out to members again so they had a copy to provide to businesses that might be willing to consider a donation to this program.

Al reported on legislation we've been following and proposed posting information on those bills on our committee's web page. There was a consensus to do this.

Marsha gave an update on the Sanctuary project and suggested that we discuss this at our next meeting and decide how to best participate. She suggested we could provide financial support to the First Universalist Church of Minneapolis that was actively involved in this program.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Allen Frechette, Secretary

Social Justice Committee DRAFT Agenda

April 4, 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. Communities Supporting Central American Families Seeking Asylum – Doodee
7. Discussion on Sanctuary Support - Marsha
8. Consideration of the Jubilee donation request. - Carol