

Oak Grove Presbyterian Church SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE
MINUTES for September 5, 2019

Present: Nancy Kachel, Doodee Backstrom, Paul Schalekamp, Mary Bowen-Eggebraaten, Emily Christy, Carol Frechette, Marsha Pridgeon, Mary Jones Ron Dubis, Allen Frechette

Absent: Bob Ritter, Pamara Ritter, Lily Dodge, Anne Ritterspach, Susan Thomforde, Frank Bliss

Carol opened the meeting at 6:00 PM with joys and concerns followed by a devotion.

Al reported that the our Committee's minutes had been taken off of our website because it was being reformatted. This led to a discussion of the minutes. It was suggested that the youth be invited to attend Alike Galloway's Faith Formation on November 24.

Marsha provided an update on the Homeless Bag program and provided a list of the items needed for the October 13th bag filling date. Marsha will make announcements about the needs at upcoming services. Ron will get a list of the items needed to Beth for the October Oak Leaves. Al will make a poster of the items needed for Rally Day and for display in the narthex thereafter. Carol distributed an updated letter of introduction to be used in soliciting donations from merchants. Al said he would also email the letter with the 501 C3 information in pdf format to the members so they could print additional copies as needed. Carol reported that Bombas replied to Mary Koon reporting that our request for socks for our homeless program is in the process of being considered.

Al provided a quick update on our Committee's website noting that we will need to submit more graphic information in place of the minutes. Al will seek additional direction from Ruth Dukelow who is coordinating the changes to the church website.

Al provided an update on the legislation our committee has been following.

In Congress:

[HR 8](#), Firearm Background Checks: Passed House by 232 Democrats and 8 Republicans. Being held up by Republicans in Senate.

[S 66](#), Assault Weapons Ban: Being held up by Republicans in Senate.

[HR 1](#), For the People Act: Passed House by 234 Democrats and 0 Republicans. Being held up by Republicans in Senate.

[H.J.Res. 48](#), Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing that the rights extended by the Constitution are the rights of natural persons only. Referred to Judiciary and Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties.

Mary Bowen-Eggebraaten reported on a global climate strike being organized by a number of environmental organizations scheduled for September 20.

Mary Bowen-Eggebraaten reported that she had contacted Jeff Williamson who suggested dates for Chosen to be presented at a Faith Formation. The committee discussed options and Mary will follow-up with Jeff to schedule a Faith Formation. Mary will write an Oak Leaves article for the month before the scheduled showing.

There was a discussion about other Faith Formation speakers and Sara Nelson Pallmeyer with the Exodus Lending program was suggested. Paul will follow up on this. Al suggested Frank Bliss speak about his trip to El Paso to help with the migrant problems at the Annunciation House.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Allen Frechette, Secretary

Social Justice Committee DRAFT Agenda

October 3, 2019

6:00 PM

1. Joys & Concerns
2. Beginning Prayer
3. Homeless bags update - Marsha
4. Social Justice Committee Web Page update - Al
5. Update on legislation we're following - Al
6. Discuss showing the video *Chosen* to the congregation - date, coinciding sermon.
7. Faith Formation Speaker suggestions