

Justice Ministries Coordinating Team Meeting

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

Leffler House

Members Present: Rick Hodsdon, Jacquelyn Miller, Justin Mills, Marjorie Ringness, Tom Sunderland, David Wagner

Members Absent: Betsy Bell, Chris Breunig, Tom Campbell, Karen Knudson, Joe Wright, Carolyn White

Rick opened with prayer at 7:04 p.m.

Homeless Advocacy

David provided some history of St. Mark's involvement in homeless advocacy and housing issues over the past several decades, including the cathedral's hosting of Tent City 3, and led us in a broader discussion of recent opportunities for involvement and where we might go in the future. He also suggested that we consider a three-pronged approach: 1) advocacy; 2) temporary housing; 3) permanent shelter and that we search for someone who has the interest and passion to lead these efforts. He volunteered to draft an announcement for *Sundays and Beyond*.

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Tom S. provided information on a possible upcoming ballot measure to require all law enforcement officers in the state to receive violence de-escalation and mental health training, to provide first-aid to save lives and require law enforcement agencies to adopt guidelines for implementing this duty, and to amend the standard for justifiable use of deadly force by law enforcement, including adding a "good faith" standard and requiring independent investigation. This measure is supported by the Faith Action Network (FAN), along with many other organizations and political individuals. Tom is serving as a liaison between FAN, which is a multi-faith advocacy group that focuses on legislation at the state-wide level, and St. Mark's justice groups. We decided to have Justin forward this information to the Dean and the Vestry Warden in order to ask for approval to initiate a Cathedral listening process on the measure with the hope that we can get Cathedral sponsorship of the measure.

Service Corps Members

The Dean asked us to brainstorm about possible projects or roles for a service corps member who is assigned to the Cathedral. One suggestion that received unanimous approval was to appoint someone to help with coordination of justice ministry issues, including doing research on what other churches are doing and to present ideas to the JMCT of possible justice projects where we might promote.

Partners Meetings

Given the low attendance at our recent Partners meetings, instead of continuing with the past practice of having a quarterly meeting for the leaders of each justice ministry to come together as a group, we decided to invite individual leaders to our monthly JMCT meetings.

Justice Ministries Annual Budgeting Process

We discussed the justice ministry budget request process for 2018 and considered what amount the JMCT should ask for. We will finalize this amount after we receive all the budget forms from the other ministries at our next meeting.

Rick offered a closing prayer at 8:36.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Our next meeting will be held on November 7, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in **Cathedral House 210**.

Minutes submitted by Jacquelyn Miller