

Justice Ministries Coordinating Team Meeting

Tuesday, March 06, 2018

Leffler House

Members Present: Betsy Bell, Tom Campbell, Barbara Erickson, Karen Knudson, Julia Logan, Jacquelyn Miller, Justin Mills, Susan Ratner, David Wagner, Carolyn White

Members Absent: Chris Breunig, Rick Hodsdon, Marjorie Ringness, Tom Sunderland, Joe Wright

Visitors: Lynn Markova (member ex officio!)

Karen opened with prayer at 6:40 p.m. **(6:30 p.m. –new meeting time)**

New Members

Justin introduced Julia Logan, who joins JMCT as Vestry liaison. Welcome, Julia.

Upcoming

Partly in response to Malcolm's review at an earlier meeting, Justin mentioned that members have expressed interest in inviting the SSC young people to join us for some food before a meeting. The suggestion was favorably received and our May meeting was suggested since it's almost the last month this can happen because of the uncertainty about when their contract ends. (Note: Chris and Carolyn are partially responsible for floating the initial suggestion; this note taker must reluctantly indicate that she will be away in May.)

Noted also: On Thursday, March 22nd, The Church Council of Greater Seattle's Annual Gathering, will be held at Phinney Ridge Lutheran; 6:00 pm. Reception; 6:30 meeting. 7500 Greenwood. Carpooling, arriving by bus encouraged.

Justin announced that the Alliance for Gun Responsibility Annual Lunch occurs this year on Monday, May 21st, at noon in the Westin Hotel. (Karen commented that it is an extremely upbeat, informative and motivational event that usually raises quite a bit of money.)

JMCT Annual Retreat

David Wagner reviewed the committee's initial discussion for how to develop a JMCT Retreat focused on Seattle's increasing issue of homelessness and how SMC through a justice lens might broaden its understanding and ministry. Content will include food, shelter, housing programs, advocacy support and solutions. Tom suggested that causes of homelessness, frequently seen resulting from multiple problems, be identified. As a faithful community, a theological perspective will shape the retreat. David will ask The Rev. Canon Britt Olson, Vicar, St. Luke's Ballard, part of the College for Congregational Development, whether she would be available as a facilitator and what date might this happen. Cost for her services: \$110/3 hrs. Event will be held at church.

Review of Annual Reports (cont)

Jubilee Economic Justice: Betsy Bell reviewed the national organization's goal to advocate for economic reforms that serve and protect the most vulnerable. Over 400 households pledge \$1 toward this work. Betsy has found that when she has a table in the nave she has opportunities to further publicize a specific cause and educate people about this organization. She is still hoping for someone to succeed her.

Visit a Mosque: Reviewing Brett's report, we supported his interfaith efforts to encourage SMC parishioners to visit local mosques. Justin committed to reach out to Brett and express our appreciation for his organizing of these events.

Sidelining our review of Sanctuary, HIV/AIDS/Care Team/Oikocredit/Habitat for Humanity reports was the discussion that followed David's question about how we support a proposed ministry and how we might recognize and support a potential/emerging ministry. Susan recommended that we see a ministry as a "movement" and our support might be to offer strategies for building its outreach. We recalled that Chris and Rick had partially addressed this concern in the past; their initial response had been to streamline our Annual Report form. Two key considerations in our review might be to identify involvement by others in parish (and perhaps beyond) and how best to mentor this group.

Meeting closed with prayer and adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Our next meeting will be held on April 3, 2018, at **6:30 p.m. in Leffler House.**

Minutes submitted by Carolyn White
(oh!!! We are going to miss Jacquelyn!)