

## **Justice Ministries Coordinating Team Meeting**

Tuesday, April 2, 2018

Leffler House

**Members Present:** Betsy Bell, Jacquelyn Miller, Karen Knudson, Julia Logan, Justin Mills, Sue Ratner, Marjorie Ringness, Tom Sunderland, David Wagner, Carolyn White

**Members Absent:** Chris Breunig, Tom Campbell, Barbara Erickson, Rick Hodsdon

**Visitors:** Lynne Markova, Nancy Ross

Karen opened with prayer at 6:31 p.m.

### **Cathedral Day**

Marjorie provided an update on this event and said that volunteers are needed to help with parking. If interested, contact Virginia Lenker.

### **Church Council of Greater Seattle**

Justin announced the details of an anti-racism networking gathering on April 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-12:00 noon at the Columbia City Church of Hope.

### **UCEF (United Churches Emergency Fund) Update**

Marjorie attended a recent UCEF meeting and relayed that the organization is doing well, they have beefed up their board and also have more churches participating in their efforts to provide funds and other resources to those in need. She is also organizing a hygiene drive on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Lowell Elementary school's needs were also discussed and we plan to initiate a hygiene drive for them at a future date.

### **Service Corp Get Together**

We'll meet at 6:00 p.m. on our next JMCT meeting date (May 1<sup>st</sup>) so that we can get to know the Service Corp members. Appetizers and drinks will be provided.

### **Peace Pole**

Nancy announced that Roberta Nestaas is heading an effort to establish a peace pole on the cathedral campus. These poles are constructed by the Rotary Club and they have a peace message on each side in four different languages. The languages and location of the pole are still undecided and committee members made several suggestions with regard to both of these issues. Nancy will take these suggestions to the Facilities Committee of the Vestry for further consideration.

### **New Ministry Proposal Process**

We tabled this issue until the next meeting with the recognition that we need to lay out a clear process very soon.

### **JMCT Annual Retreat**

The topic of this year's retreat will be on crafting a strategic plan for addressing the issue of homelessness as a parish community. The retreat sub-committee members, along with other stakeholders with an interest in homelessness, will meet with the event's facilitator, Rev. Canon Britt Olsen, on April 11th to determine the content and structure of the event, which will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-4:00 in the Carriage House.

We also discussed who to invite to the retreat and decided that we limit it to the members of the JMCT and to those St. Mark's stakeholders involved in homelessness activities.

### **Hunthausen Fund**

David reported on the meeting that he, Carolyn White, and the Dean attended at St. James Cathedral to learn about their move-in cost assistance program to help people move out of homelessness by paying their first and last month's rent. Bishop Rickel has committed to doing some fundraising to duplicate this effort at St. Marks.

### **Carbon Offsets**

Carolyn updated us on the Diocesan Carbon Offset Partnership, still welcoming contributions based on individual's carbon contributions from air travel or car miles driven and/or household systems. (See [www.ecww.org](http://www.ecww.org) and search on carbon offsets.) Our contributions offset the carbon expended by our church, as when we offset the carbon expended to transport the stone now covering our building. Our contributions are sent to the Philippines to support the work of replanting deforested areas in the Philippines. Good news is that this program is in process of cooperating with a comparable program E-Care, Episcopal Community Action for Renewal and Reforestation, based in Manila. Programs are important because the tree planting helps farmers break out of the cycle of debt to big corporations as well as mitigating climate change devastation.

### **CCD (College for Congressional Development) Retreat**

Marjorie invited JMCT members, at the behest of Christi Chapman, to participate in one of the CCD retreats to develop future leaders. The next retreat is in June, but they are offered periodically through the year in various formats.

### **Alliance for Gun Responsibility**

Karen announced that there will be a St. Mark's table for a raise-the-paddle fundraiser on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Weston Hotel. An upcoming announcement will be in the *Sundays and Beyond* with information on how to sign up.

### **Sanctuary**

Nancy reported that activities with Casa Latina were continuing, including offering different training opportunities. A meeting is also scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup> to plan future events

**Annual Reports**

We reviewed the annual report for the HIV-AIDS ministry.

David offered a closing prayer at 8:29.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Our next meeting will be held on May 1, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in **Leffler House**.

Minutes submitted by Jacquelyn Miller