

Justice Ministries Coordinating Team Meeting

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Leffler House

Members Present: Betsy Bell, Chris Breunig, Tom Campbell, Rick Hodsdon, Jacquelyn Miller, Marjorie Ringness, David Wagner, Carolyn White

Members Absent: Louise Gringel-Caswell, Karen Knudson, Joe Wright

Jacquelyn opened with prayer at 7:08 p.m.

Summer Justice Celebration

Steve and Kathy Thomason have volunteered their home for our summer justice celebration event on July 29th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. We decided to invite all participants in justice work at St. Marks, to create an RSVP process, to have name tags available, to have an icebreaker activity, and with regard to the program, to include an acknowledgement of old and new justice projects, such as the sanctuary movement, and of individuals who are moving out of leadership roles.

We also discussed the invitation process and decided to advertise via *Sundays and Beyond* and an email Evite invitation.

The Justice Ministries Coordinating Team will provide all the food and have attendees bring drinks.

Sanctuary Movement

Marjorie reported on her meeting with Pete Strimmer about our committee's role with regard to the sanctuary movement. The JMCT is available to assist in our usual role as promoters of communication and collaboration.

GiveSafe

Marjorie reported being approached by a representative of this program to consider encouraging our parishioners to participate. There was a unanimous agreement that we not be involved in this program because it simply involves using an app on one's phone to contribute financial assistance to people on the street.

Succession Planning for JMCT Chair

Marjorie plans to leave this position soon and we discussed the responsibilities of what the chair role entails and how to find possible candidates. We also considered whether this position should next go to one of the clergy since justice work has broadened greatly in recent months, raising questions about our committee's ability to keep up on everything that is being done at the Cathedral or to have a clergy person as a liaison on the committee. Several people made arguments for the importance of continuing the JMCT committee and suggested that we

have the Vestry clarify what our committee's purpose is. We also noted that once we revise our justice ministry initiative process, we will be clearer about our purpose.

Justice Ministry Initiative Process

Discussion was postponed to July meeting.

Sustainability at St. Marks

Carolyn reported on sustainability and environmental concerns at St. Marks and expressed her interest in creating a reading group for Ilia Delio, et al's, *Care for Creation*. Tom suggested that she schedule the book discussion take place during a series of Cathedral Commons' sessions and volunteered to investigate the possibility.

Carolyn offered a closing prayer at 8:37.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Our next meeting will be held on July 11, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in Leffler Living Room.

Minutes submitted by Jacquelyn Miller