

**Social Justice Council Monthly Meeting  
Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church, Library  
Meeting Minutes, Thursday, Oct. 2, 2008  
7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Michael Benefiel, Nancy Derr, Betsy Devlin-Foltz, Marge Dimond, Pam Gehrke, Karen Goozner, Nancy Janssen, Heather Janules, Pat Karlsen, Connie Nissley, Tillman Neiner, Annette Scarpitta, Kay [Cay] Scott, Sandy Shaw, Helen Strang, Becky White,

**Proceedings:**

- Meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Michael Benefiel
  - Michael made the motion that the meeting adjourn at 8:30 to enable everyone enough time to get home to watch the VP debates.
  - The motion was soon seconded and passed unanimously.
- Subcommittee Reports
  - Connie Nissley reported that she would send half of CL's promised support to the UUSJ (\$1750)
  - Sandy made a motion that Connie be assigned the task of consulting with the CL treasurer to decide what portion of CL's promised support to AIM (\$10,000) can be sent to AIM now.
  - The motion was seconded and passed, with one abstention. Annette asked for a one-on-one conversation about what AIM is and does. Sandy and Helen both offered to explain AIM to Annette.
- General Business
  - Helen presented her list of 8 key project committees that need leads in preparation for the Empowerment Weekend scheduled for January. After explaining expectations for the 8 committees, she passed around a clip board and asked for volunteers. The committees are
    - **Betsy D-F** (coordinator) Registration (to coordinate and organize the sign up for the event) all SJC members
    - **Kay Scott, Nancy Janssen, Mike Benefiel** Publication (posters, fliers, articles in the Newsletters, etc)
    - **Annette Scarpitta, Karen Goozman** Arrange childcare (check with RE and Glenis to see whom CL typically asks to take care of children during these types of events)
    - **Sandy Shaw, Helen Strang** Food (for Friday night and Saturday lunch; may want to check with the green sanctuary folks about eating green, also, one of the covenant groups may be able to manage the food for us; if we get something to Heather soon, she will mention it at Sunday's meeting with the covenant leads)
    - **Connie Nissley** (coordinator) Dish washing
    - **Sandy Shaw, Karen Goozman** Space Setup/Cleanup (coordinate the space and make arrangements with Sara Deshler to arrange; there will probably be a need for 3 to 5 breakout rooms)
    - **Marge Dimond, Connie Nissley** Equipment (the presenters will give us a list of what they need)
    - **Becky White, Kay Scott, Pat Karlsen, Marge Dimond, Karen Goozman** Greeters (Friday night and Saturday morning, especially to make sure the presenters meet everyone they need to)
    - **Becky White, Mike Benefiel** Transportation (the 2 presenters need to be picked up from the airport; one is coming from California; one from Pittsburgh)

- Nancy Janssen announced the results of the nominating committee (of one) to fill the officers positions for 2008/2009
  - Co-chairs: **Betsy and Sandy**
  - Treasurer: **Connie**
  - Secretary: will be handled through rotation to be determined at each meeting for the next meeting
  - Lounge Lizard coordinator: **Betsy**
  - Listserv manager: **Michael**
  - Helen moved to accept the slate of officers; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously
  - Heather thanked all for past and future commitments to the SJC committee
- Michael presented the draft covenant, which the committee handed around to read. One edit was made to the promise to come on time (it now reads "An effort will be made to come on time.")
- The next meeting is November 6
- Michael adjourned the meeting at 8:32.
- Future Business
  - Planning for the January Empowerment Event will continue full speed.
  - We will continue to fine tune the covenant

Submitted by

Nancy Derr